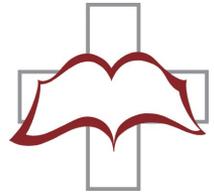


Responsive Prayer 2  
Wednesday of Easter III  
21 April Anno † Domini 2021



**OPENING VERSICLES**

**L** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**PSALM: PSALM 119:1-8; ANTIPHON VS. 5**

**P** Oh that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!

**P** Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!

**C** Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,  
who seek him with their whole heart,

**P** Who also do no wrong,  
but walk in his ways!

**C** You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently.

**P** Oh that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!

**C** Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

**P** I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

**C** I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me!

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** Oh that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!

## READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

### Luke 17:1-10

**P** A reading from Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

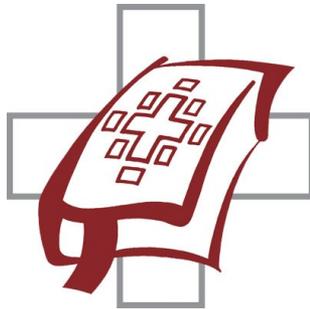
<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



OFFICE HYMN: TLH 411 ~ *From Eternity, O God*



1 From e - ter - ni - ty, O God, In Thy Son Thou  
2 Though a - live, I'm dead in sin, Lost to all good  
3 Drive a - way the gloom - y night Of my hearts' per -  
4 Oh, cre - ate a heart in me That in Thee, my



didst e - lect me; There - fore, Fa - ther, on life's road  
things by na - ture. Ho - ly Ghost, change me with - in,  
- verse re - flec - tion; Quench all tho'ts that are not right,  
God, be - liev - eth And o'er the in - i - qui - ty



Gra - cious - ly to heav'n di - rect me; Send to me Thy  
Make of me a new - born crea - ture; For the flesh works  
Hold my rea - son in sub - jec - tion; Grant that I from  
Of my sins most tru - ly griev - eth. When dark hours of



Ho - ly Spir - it That His gifts I may in - her - it.  
ru - i - na - tion And can nev - er gain sal - va - tion.  
Thee, with yearn - ing, Wis - dom al - ways may be learn - ing.  
woe be - tide me, In the wounds of Je - sus hide me.

- 5 As a branch upon a vine  
In my blessed Lord implant me;  
Ever of my Head divine  
To remain a member grant me.  
Oh, let Him, my Lord and Savior,  
Be my Life and Love forever!
- 6 Faith and hope and charity  
Graciously, O Father, give me;  
Be my Guardian constantly  
That the devil may not grieve me;  
Grant me humbleness and gladness,  
Peace and patience in my sadness.

Hymn continues...

7 Help me speak what's right and good  
And keep silence on occasion;  
Help me pray, Lord, as I should,  
Help me bear my tribulation;  
Help me die and let my spirit  
Everlasting life inherit.

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## **HOMILY**

### TABLE OF DUTIES

## **KYRIE**

**L** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.  
**L** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.  
**L** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## VERSICLES

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** let my cry come to You.  
**L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C** for You answer me.  
**L** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** and blot out all my iniquities.  
**L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** and renew a right spirit within me.  
**L** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
**L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
**L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** my lips will praise You.  
**L** For You have been my help,  
**C** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.  
**L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** unite my heart to fear Your name.  
**L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** and I will glorify Your name forever.

- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** **May those who love Your salvation say evermore,  
“God is great!”**
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** **listen to my plea for grace.**

## PRAYERS

### ADDITIONAL COLLECTS

#### **Commemoration of St. Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian**

- P** Holy Father, the depths of Your Word are unsearchable. We give thank to You this day for Your servant Anselm of Canterbury. Continue to raise up theologians in Your Church who will invite Your people to ponder ever more deeply the mystery of our redemption in the bright light of the Scriptures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## EVENING PRAYER

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**
- Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS

- L** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**BLESSING**

**L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C** Amen.

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

