

Psalms, Readings, Recitations, and Hymns for The Office of Matins
Friday in the Week of the Fourth Sunday After Trinity
July 15, 2021

Opening Prayers

In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Open our mouths, O Lord, to bless Your holy name. Cleanse our hearts from all vain, foolish, and wandering thoughts; enlighten our understanding, enkindle our affections, that we may recite this divine office with attention and devotion, and so may be fit to be heard before the Presence of Your divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Versicles

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

† Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!

Invitatory and Venite

O come, let us worship the Lord.

For He is our Maker.

O come, let us sing to the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands form-ed the dry land.

O come, let worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen.

Office Hymn: *26, O Holy Ghost, Thou Gift Divine*

O Holy Ghost, Thou gift divine, And giver of all blessing,

Thou, with the Father and the Son, True Godhead art possessing,
And from them both art shed abroad, Eternal Spirit, Lord and God,
In Thee all Christians glory.

O Spirit blest, we Thee entreat: O grant us that we ever
With heart and soul, as it is meet, May serve our Lord and Savior,
And Him confess till our last breath, As Lord of life and Lord of death
And give Him praise and honor.

Our hearts let new created be, Our walk make pure and holy.
Help us offense and sin to flee, And ever serve God solely,
So that our faith in Christ, our Lord, May prove itself in deed and word
Before the world about us.

Thy gracious heav'nly dew let fall, The fainting Church to quicken;
Thy soothing ointment pour on all Whose souls are sad and stricken.
Sustain us, Lord, in evil days, And let our lives in all our ways
Abound in love and mercy.

Give strength and courage to contend Against the hosts of evil,
That we may vanquish, in the end, The world, the flesh, the devil;
And when death's billow o'er us rolls, Bear Thou to heav'n our ransomed souls
While dust to dust returneth.

Psalm 119:1-8

Tone 4



Antiphon

The counsel of the LORD `stands forever,/ The plans of His heart to all `generations.

Psalm

Rejoice in the LORD, `O you righteous!/ For praise from the upright `is beautiful.

² Praise the `LORD with the harp;/ Make melody to Him with an instrument `of ten *strings*.

³ Sing to `Him a new song;/ Play skillfully with `a shout of joy.

⁴ For the word of `the LORD is right,/ And all His work `is done in truth.

⁵ He loves righteous`ness and justice;/ The earth is full of the good`ness of the LORD.

⁶ By the word of the LORD the `heavens were made,/ And all the host of them by the `breath of His mouth.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea togeth`er as a heap;/ He lays up the deep `in storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth `fear the *LORD*;/ Let all the inhabitants of the world stand `in awe of Him.

⁹ For He spoke, `and it was done;/ He commanded, `and it stood fast.

¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the na`tions to nothing;/ He makes the plans of the peoples `of no effect.

¹¹ The counsel of the LORD `stands forever,/ The plans of His heart to all `generations.

¹² Blessed is the nation whose `God is the LORD,/ The people He has chosen as His own `inheritance.

¹³ The LORD looks from heaven;/ He sees all the sons of men.

¹⁴ From the place of His dwelling/ He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth;

¹⁵ He fashions their hearts individually;/ He considers all their works.

¹⁶ No king is saved by the multitude of an army;/ A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for safety;/ Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,/ On those who hope in His mercy,

¹⁹ To deliver their soul from death,/ And to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD;/ He is our help and our shield.

²¹ For our heart shall rejoice in Him,/ Because we have trusted in His holy name.

²² Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us,/ Just as we hope in You.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son:/ and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now:/ and ever shall be, forever more. Amen.

Antiphon is repeated

Weekly Bible Verse Recitation: Romans 8:28

We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. *Romans 8:28*

Weekly Catechism Recitation: Table of Duties – Citizens, part 1

What does God say to citizens?

Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. *St. Matthew 22:21*

Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. *Romans 13:5-7*

First Lection: *Judges 15:1 – 16:3*

After a while, in the time of wheat harvest, it happened that Samson visited his wife with a young goat. And he said, "Let me go in to my wife, into *her* room." But her father would not permit him to go in.

2 Her father said, "I really thought that you thoroughly hated her; therefore I gave her to your companion. *Is* not her younger sister better than she? Please, take her instead."

3 And Samson said to them, "This time I shall be blameless regarding the Philistines if I harm them!" **4** Then Samson went and caught three hundred foxes; and he took torches, turned *the* foxes tail to tail, and put a torch between each pair of tails. **5** When he had set the torches on fire, he let *the* foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burned up both the shocks and the standing grain, as well as the vineyards *and* olive groves.

6 Then the Philistines said, "Who has done this?"

And they answered, "Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he has taken his wife and given her to his companion." So the Philistines came up and burned her and her father with fire.

7 Samson said to them, “Since you would do a thing like this, I will surely take revenge on you, and after that I will cease.” 8 So he attacked them hip and thigh with a great slaughter; then he went down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock of Etam.

9 Now the Philistines went up, encamped in Judah, and deployed themselves against Lehi. 10 And the men of Judah said, “Why have you come up against us?”

So they answered, “We have come up to [a]arrest Samson, to do to him as he has done to us.”

11 Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, “Do you not know that the Philistines rule over us? What *is* this you have done to us?” And he said to them, “As they did to me, so I have done to them.”

12 But they said to him, “We have come down to arrest you, that we may deliver you into the hand of the Philistines.”

Then Samson said to them, “Swear to me that you will not kill me yourselves.”

13 So they spoke to him, saying, “No, but we will tie you securely and deliver you into their hand; but we will surely not kill you.” And they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting against him. Then the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him; and the ropes that *were* on his arms became like flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds [b]broke loose from his hands. 15 He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, reached out his hand and took it, and killed a thousand men with it. 16 Then Samson said:

“With the jawbone of a donkey,

Heaps upon heaps,

With the jawbone of a donkey

I have slain a thousand men!”

17 And so it was, when he had finished speaking, that he threw the jawbone from his hand, and called that place [c]Ramath Lehi.

18 Then he became very thirsty; so he cried out to the LORD and said, “You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your servant; and now shall I die of thirst and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?” 19 So God split the hollow place that *is* in [d]Lehi, and water came out, and he drank; and his spirit returned, and he revived. Therefore he called its name [e]En Hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day. 20 And he judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines.

16 Now Samson went to Gaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her. 2 *When* the Gazites *were told*, “Samson has come here!” they surrounded *the place* and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. They were quiet all night, saying, “In the morning, when it is daylight, we will kill him.” 3 And Samson lay *low* till midnight; then he arose at midnight, took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two gateposts, pulled them up, bar and all, put *them* on his shoulders, and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Second Lection: *Galatians 3:23 – 4:11*

23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, [a]kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our [b]tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. **27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

4 Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, **2** but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. **3** Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. **4** But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born^[c] of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ^[d]“Abba, Father!” **7** Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir ^[e]of God ^[f]through Christ.

8 But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods. **9** But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how *is it that* you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? **10** You observe days and months and seasons and years. **11** I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Devotional Reading

Hymn: *247, To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ, 1, 2, 4, 7*

C: To Jordan came our Lord, the Christ,
The Father's will obeying.
And there was by St. John baptized,
All righteousness fulfilling.
There He did consecrate a bath
To wash away transgression,
To rescue us from bitter death
By His own blood and passion,
New life for us creating!

So let us hear and ponder well
What God creates in Baptism.
What He would have us all believe,
Who error shun and schism.
That water at the font be used
Is surely His good pleasure,
Not water only, but the Word
And Spirit without measure –
He is the true Baptizer.

In Jordan's water God's own Son
In sinless manhood bending,

The Spirit, too, from heaven's throne,
In dove-like form descending.
This truth must never be denied,
Our faith should never waver,
That all Three Persons do preside
At Baptism's holy laver,
And dwell with each believer.

And though our mortal eye is dim
And sees but simply water;
Faith sees Christ Jesus, and in Him
The Lamb ordained for slaughter
We see the cleansing fountain, red
With the dear blood of Jesus
Which, from all sins inherited
And our misdeeds, can free us;
Eternal life bestowing.

Morning Versicle

O satisfy us early with Your mercy.
That we may rejoice and be glad.

Canticle: *The Benedictus*

Antiphon

Through the tender mercy of our God: The Dayspring from on high has visited us.

Canticle

†“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for He has visited and redeemed His people
And has raised up a horn of salvation for us; in the house of servant David;

As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets: which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies; and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers; and to remember His holy covenant
To perform the oath which He swore to our father Abraham; that He would grant unto us;

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve Him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before Him; all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for you will go before the face of
the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the Dayspring from on high has visited
us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: to guide our feet into
the way of peace.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen.

Antiphon is repeated

The Suffrages

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father...

I believe in God the Father Almighty...

Lord, be merciful to me;

Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Return, O Lord! How long?

And have compassion on Your servants.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us,

Just as we hope in You.

Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness,

And let Your saints shout for joy.

O Lord, save our rulers,

Let them hear us when we call.

Save Your people and bless Your inheritance;

Shepherd them also, and lift them up forever.

Remember Your congregation,

Which You have purchased of old.

Peace be within your walls,

Prosperity within your palaces.

Let us pray for those of the faith who are not present with us:

Save Your servants who trust in You.

Let us pray for the broken-hearted and the captives:
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles.

Send them help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen them out of Zion.

Hear my prayer, O Lord,
And let my cry come before You.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
Cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

Arise for our help, O Christ,
And redeem us for Your mercy's sake.

O Lord, incline Your ear to me;
Answer me speedily when I call.

Prayers

Collect for the Week of the Fourth Sunday After Trinity

Grant, O Lord, we beseech You, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your direction that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for the Day from the Treasury of Daily Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You came in humility and weakness to defeat the powers of sin, death, and the devil. Clothe our weakness with Your righteousness by Your baptismal grace that we might withstand the power of every adversary; in Your holy Name we pray. Amen.

For the Morning

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and, though we have in no way deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul: Give us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit †
be with us all. Amen.