

An Order *for*  
Morning Prayer

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

St. John's Church, Lafayette Square  
Sunday, March 22, 2020

# MORNING PRAYER

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Silence is kept.*

*All stand with the Officiant.*



Lord, o - pen our lips.



And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

## INVITATORY ANTIPHON



The Lord is full of compassion and mer - cy: O come, let us a - dore him.

To God with gladness sing, your Rock and Savior bless; in -  
He cradles in his hand the heights and depths of earth; he  
Your heavenly Father praise, acclaim his only Son, your

to his temple bring your songs of thankfulness! O  
made the sea to land, he brought the world to birth! O  
voice in homage raise to him who makes all one! O

God of might, to you we sing, enthroned as King on heaven's height!  
God Most High, we are your sheep; on us you keep your shepherd's eye!  
Dove of peace, on us descend that strife may end and joy increase!

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.

*Please be seated.*

## The Psalms

*Sung antiphonally beginning with low voices.*



- 1 *The LORD* is my shépherd; \*  
I / shall not bé in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pástures \*  
and leads me be/side still wáters.
- 3 He revives my sóul \*  
and guides me along right pathways / for his Náme's sake.
- 4a Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of déath,  
I shall / fear no évil; \*
- 4b for you are wíth me;  
your rod and your / staff, they cómfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who tróuble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is / running óver.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all  
the days of mý life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the / LORD for éver. [*Ant.*]

*All*    **Glory to the Father, and to the /Són,\***  
**And to the /Holy Spirit:**  
**As it was in the beginning, is /nów,\***  
**And will be forev/er. Ámen.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

*All stand while the choir sings the Canticle.*

CANTICLE          *Magnificat from Short Service*

Orlando Gibbons  
(1583–1625)

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
    and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded  
    the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth  
    all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,  
    and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him  
    throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm;  
    he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
    and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things,  
    and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
    as he promised to our forefathers,  
    Abraham and his seed for ever.

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, world without end. Amen.





R. Let your people sing with joy.



V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.



V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;



R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



V. Let your way be known up - on earth;



R. Your saving health among all na - tions.



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

*The Officiant then says the following collects.*

### **A Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Guidance**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*Officiant*

Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The musical notation is set in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Officiant and the People. The Officiant part is a melodic line starting on G4, moving up stepwise to D5, then down to G4. The People part is a simple accompaniment of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, G4, F4, E4, D4. The second staff is for the Officiant. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a melodic line: G4, A4, B4, C5, G4, F4, E4, D4. The third staff is for the People. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a melodic line: G4, A4, B4, C5, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

*Officiant* *People*

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Officiant*

The almighty and mer-ci-ful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spi-rit,

*People*

bless us and keep us. A - men.

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