

Canterbury House Northwestern  
Compline Feb. 28, 2021 - Second Sunday in Lent

The Officiant begins

*The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Amen.***

*Officiant - Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
People - **The maker of heaven and earth.***

*O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.***

*(The Officiant may then say)*

*Let us confess our sins to God.*

*(Silence may be kept.)*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*

*May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*Officiant - O God, make speed to save us.*

*People - O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Psalm 22: 22-30 from Psalms for Praying by Nan C. Merrill*

I will tell of your Name to all I meet,  
In the midst of assemblies I will praise You;  
You, who are in wonder of the Mystery, give praise!  
For our loving Creator does not turn away from the afflicted,  
And does not hide from them; but their cries are heard,  
Their prayers rise up to heaven.

To You, O Beloved, I lift up my voice in the great congregation;  
For You promise to remain with those whose love is steadfast.  
The hungry shall eat and be satisfied;  
Those who seek You shall sing praises!  
Your Heart is our dwelling place forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to Love's way;  
And all the families of the nations shall bow down with grateful hearts.  
For power and authority belong to the Most High,  
Who rules over the nations.

Yes, the proud of the earth shall be humbled, while those who still live  
in fear and illusions will separate themselves not knowing  
The indwelling Peace of the Beloved.  
Posterity shall know and serve Love, telling of the One who abides in  
all to the coming generations,  
And proclaiming deliverance to a people yet unborn  
That the Most High dwells among us.

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

*A reading from Romans 4: 13-25*

*For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.*

*For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.*

Officiant - *The Word of the Lord.*

**All - Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

*Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.***

*Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

*We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.***

*We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

*Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.***

*Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.***

*Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

*We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

*Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
(Silence - The People may add their own petitions)*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor  
and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Lectio Divina

(A passage of scripture is read three times by different voices with space after each reading for reflection and meditation.)

Mark 8: 31-38

*Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."*

*He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."*

*1st Reading - Listen for content. What is happening? Who is in the story?*

*2nd Reading - Listen for a word or phrase. Something that stands out to you or "shimmers."*

*3rd Reading - Pause to reflect on how this touches your life today.*

Officiant Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit  
People **For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

Officiant Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;  
People **Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

**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.**

*Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;*  
*People **And let our cry come to you.***  
*Officiant Let us pray.*

*The Officiant then says the following Collect:*

*Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

*Additional Prayers*

*O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

*Officiant*    *Let us bless the Lord.*  
*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

*The Officiant concludes*

*The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us. **Amen.***