

Canterbury House Northwestern
Compline April 11, 2021 - Second Sunday of Easter

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.***

*Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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. Alleulia.

Psalm 133: 1-5 (from Psalms for Praying by Nan C. Merrill)

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when siblings dwell in unity!

It is like vistas seen from atop a mountain one has climbed

Or like the stillness of a sunset after a long day's work.

It is like shimmering rainbow, breaking through a summer rain.

When people dwell in harmony, the star of Truth appears!

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 1 John 1

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Officiant - The Word of the Lord.

All - Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

(The Leader and People pray responsively)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

(Silence)

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Paula our Bishop-Elect, Chad our Chaplain, and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(Silence)

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence)

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**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.)

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I

send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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:

*Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Additional Prayers

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.***

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**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.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.***