Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two   
Diocesan Convention, Saturday, December 9, 2023

*The Officiant begins the service with a sentence of Scripture.*

*Advent*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together,*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Biahop alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*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.**

*In Advent*

*Officiant* Our King and Savior now draws near:

*People* **Come let us adore him.**

Venite *Psalm 95:1‑7*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and 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. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*Then follows*

*Officiant* Our King and Savior now draws near:

*People* **Come let us adore him.**

The Psalms Appointed

**Psalm 20**

1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
 the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place \*  
 and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings \*  
 and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart’s desire \*  
and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
may the Lord grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; \*  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, \*  
but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O Lord, give victory to the king \*  
and answer us when we call.

**Psalm 21**

1 The king rejoices in your strength, O Lord; \*  
how greatly he exults in your victory!

2 You have given him his heart’s desire; \*  
you have not denied him the request of his lips.

3 For you meet him with blessings of prosperity, \*  
and set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: \*  
length of days, for ever and ever.

5 His honor is great, because of your victory; \*  
 splendor and majesty have you bestowed upon him.

6 For you will give him everlasting felicity \*  
and will make him glad with the joy of your presence.

7 For the king puts his trust in the Lord; \*  
because of the loving-kindness of the Most High, he will not fall.

*At the end of the Psalms is said*

**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.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Amos (5:18-27)

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? You shall take up Sakkuth your king, and Kaiwan your star-god, your images, which you made for yourselves; therefore I will take you into exile beyond Damascus, says the Lord, whose name is the God of hosts.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*  **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle **12 A Song of Creation**

*Invocation*

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

*II The Earth and its Creatures*

**Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*  
O whales and all that move in the waters.**

**All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
and all you flocks and herds.**

**O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

*III The People of God*

**Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

*Doxology*

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

A Reading from Matthew (22:15-22)

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*  **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle **19 The Song of the Redeemed** *Revelation 15:3-4*

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.**

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,**

**and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you,   
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**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.**

Bishop’s Address The Rt. Rev. Sally French

XIII Bishop of New Jersey

The Apostles’ Creed

*Officiant and People together*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*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.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Then follows the Suffrages*

*Suffrages B*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

*The Officiant then says the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*A Collect for Saturdays*

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all you works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Mission*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People together*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,**

**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks**

**for all your goodness and loving‑kindness**

**to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,**

**and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love**

**in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,**

**that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,**

**not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

**by giving up our selves to your service,**

**and by walking before you**

**in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well‑beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*