

**HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**315 MAIN STREET, WEST ORANGE**  
**Holy TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020**

**AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE EVENING**

Opening sentences

*Officiant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* His mercy endures for ever

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

*John 8:12*

**The Confession**

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, 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.

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.

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

*People:* O God, make haste to help 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.

### **O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalm

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- 1 O LORD God of vengeance, \*  
O God of vengeance, show yourself.
- 2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; \*  
give the arrogant their just deserts.
- 3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, \*  
how long shall the wicked triumph?
- 4 They bluster in their insolence; \*  
all evildoers are full of boasting.
- 5 They crush your people, O LORD, \*  
and afflict your chosen nation.
- 6 They murder the widow and the stranger \*  
and put the orphans to death.
- 7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, \*  
the God of Jacob takes no notice."
- 8 Consider well, you dullards among the  
people; \*  
when will you fools understand?
- 9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? \*  
he that formed the eye, does he not see?

- 10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not  
punish? \*  
he who teaches all the world, has he no  
knowledge?
- 11 The LORD knows our human thoughts; \*  
how like a puff of wind they are.
- 12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord!  
\*  
whom you teach out of your law;
- 13 To give them rest in evil days, \*  
until a pit is dug for the wicked.
- 14 For the LORD will not abandon his people, \*  
nor will he forsake his own.
- 15 For judgment will again be just, \*  
and all the true of heart will follow it.
- 16 Who rose up for me against the wicked? \*  
who took my part against the evildoers?
- 17 If the LORD had not come to my help, \*  
I should soon have dwelt in the land of  
silence.
- 18 As often as I said, "My foot has slipped," \*  
your love, O LORD, upheld me.

- 19 When many cares fill my mind, \*  
your consolations cheer my soul.
- 20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, \*  
one which frames evil into law?
- 21 They conspire against the life of the just \*  
and condemn the innocent to death.
- 22 But the LORD has become my stronghold, \*  
and my God the rock of my trust.
- 23 He will turn their wickedness back upon them  
and destroy them in their own malice; \*  
the LORD our God will destroy them.

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.

## **Second Reading:**

### **Matthew 5:3-16**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of

heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

## **Cantico**

### **Glory be to God**

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,  
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy,  
thou only art the Lord,  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **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**

*The People stand or kneel*

*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.

### **Suffrage:**

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That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and  
 goodwill,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins  
and offenses,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole  
world,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,  
and not be condemned before the great judgment seat  
of Christ,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in  
the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints,  
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

### *Collect*

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an  
instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant  
us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer  
shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Officiant:* 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*

*Hymn: In Times Like These (LEV, 71)*

## **Intersessions and Thanksgivings**

### ***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.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

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