

THE DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

**THE PARISH OF SAINT PATRICK**

*The Episcopal Church in Thousand Oaks*



**THE DAILY OFFICE: MORNING PRAYER**  
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*The People's responses are in **BOLD**.*

*The People stand, as they are able.*

**Hymn 448, O love, how deep, how broad, how high      DEUS TUORUM MILITUM**

*Officiant*      ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*      **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Opening Sentence**

**BCP 77**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

*The People respond*

**Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. *Psalm 19:14***

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

**BCP 80**

*Officiant*      Lord, open our lips.

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

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

*The Officiant and People pray together in unison*

**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!**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
And will be forever. Amen.**

*The Officiant prays this Collect*

## **The Collect of the Day**

**A**Lmighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

## **THE LESSONS**

**BCP 84**

### **The First Reading**

**ACTS 8:26-40**

**A**N ANGEL OF THE LORD SAID TO PHILIP, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of

the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of meditative silence follows the reading.*

## **Psalm 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus***

**BCP 612**

*Lector* My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

*People* **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:  
"May your heart live for ever!"**

*Lector* All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

*People* **For kingship belongs to the LORD;  
he rules over the nations.**

*Lector* To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

*People* **My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.**

*Lector* They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.

*A period of meditative silence follows the psalm.*

## **The Second Reading**

**1 JOHN 4:7-21**

**B**ELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is,

so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Lector*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of meditative silence follows the reading.*

*All stand, as they are able, for the Gospel proclamation.*

## The Gospel

**JOHN 15:1-8**

✠ *Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
✠ *People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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**J**ESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*A period of meditative silence follows the reading.*

*All remain standing for the Apostles Creed.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**BCP 96**

*The 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**

**BCP 97**

*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.**

## The Prayers of the People, *Form VI*

BCP 392

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence.*

*People* For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Intercessor* For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

*Intercessor* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; for our Clergy, George and Tom, and for all bishops and other ministers;

*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for: Shirley Bland, Shirley Beaven, Alex Manos, Zoe, Rick and Jodi, Lisa Martin, Josselyn, Paula Sloane, Maria, Stacy, Jackie, Carol, and any other persons whom you would like to remember now, either silently or aloud.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*People* Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Please offer thanksgivings spoken either aloud or in the silence of your heart...

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

*People* We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your name for ever and ever.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for any departed souls whom you wish to remember now, either silently or aloud...

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*People* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Officiant prays this concluding Collect*

**L**ORD 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.*

## **The Peace**

*Officiant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        And also with you.

## **Word of Welcome and Announcements**

## **Music at the Offertory**

## **The Offertory Sentence**

**1 CHRONICLES 29:14**

*Officiant*     All things come of thee, O Lord;  
*People*        And of thine own have we given thee.

## **The General Thanksgiving, *prayed together***

**BCP 101**

**A**Lmighty 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 Attributed to St. Francis, *prayed together*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom, *prayed together*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.*

## The Dismissal

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

*People* Amen.

*Officiant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## Hymn 344, Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

SICILIAN MARINER'S

## Postlude

### Happy Easter!

*The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God, and in memory of Tom Kota, who died on St. Patrick's Day. Tom's cheerfulness and sharp sense of humor will always be remembered.*

*He was one of our regulars at Sunday night meals, always polite, always grateful.*

*Be at peace now Tom.*



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