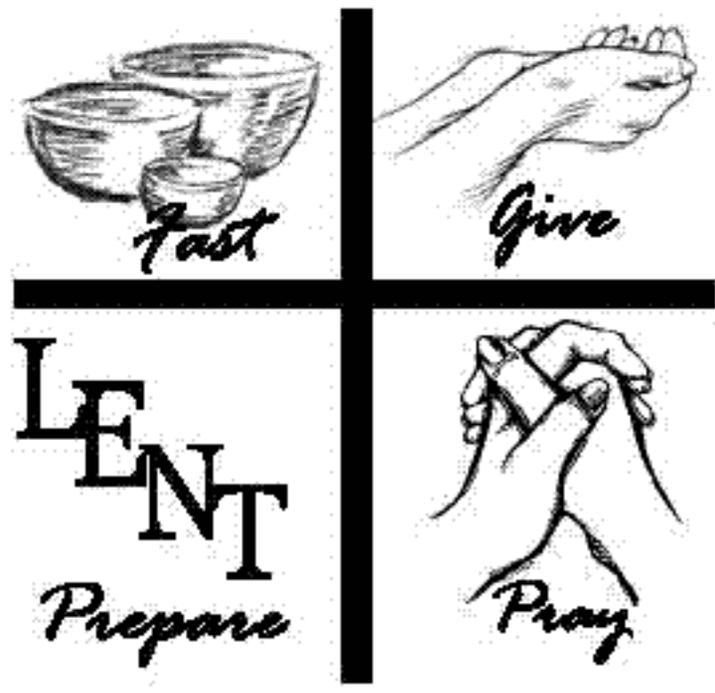


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— of Seattle —



EVENING PRAYER

MARCH 18, 2020

6:00 PM

At the sound of the bell the people stand.

Presider Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

All **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Presider If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel. Silence is kept.

Presider and people together say

**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.**

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

The people stand.

Presider O God, make speed to save us.

All **O Lord, 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 (said by all)*

**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 people are seated for

Psalm 78:1-6 *read responsively by whole verse*

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

**We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD,
and the wonderful works he has done.**

He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel,
which he commanded them to teach their children;

**That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

**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 people sit.

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 5-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

See, just as the Lord my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand to say

A Song of Penitence *said by all*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven,
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth,
with all their vast array.
All things quake with fear at your presence;
they tremble because of your power.
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure;
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion,
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
You hold back your hand;
you do not punish as we deserve.
In your great goodness, Lord,
you have promised forgiveness to sinners,
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart,
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,
and I know my wickedness only too well.
Therefore I make this prayer to you:
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
Do not let me perish in my sin,
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent,
and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy,
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises,
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

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 people sit.

The Second Lesson

Matthew 5:17-19

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,* not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks* one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand to say

Song of Simeon (*Nunc dimittis*) *said by all*

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.

Homily

Doug Oles

Reflective silence and stillness are kept after the homily.

The people stand to say

Apostles' Creed

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

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us;

All **Christ, have mercy upon us;**

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

The people remain standing or kneel.

Presider Let us pray.

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Lord, hear our prayer;

All **And let our cry come to you.**

Presider Give ear to our prayers, O Lord, and direct the way of your servants in safety under your protection, that, amid all the changes of our earthly pilgrimage, we may be guarded by your mighty aid; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people as we cry out to you; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all of your creation; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, giver of life, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Presider Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those who grieve come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider We pray for the world, that being freed from addictions to waste, war, pollution and self-desecration, we may heed your words of warning and walk in your ways.

All **Create in us a broken heart;
And renew in us a peaceful spirit.**

Presider We pray for our nation, that being freed from the idolatrous consumption of goods, the unholy pursuit of profits, and the exploitation of the weak, we may heed your words of justice and walk in your ways.

All **Create in us an anguished heart;
And renew in us a peaceful spirit.**

Presider We pray for our community, that being freed from ignorance, arrogance, prejudice, and contempt, we may heed your words of wisdom and walk in your ways.

All **Create in us a humble heart;
And renew in us a peaceful spirit.**

Presider We pray for the Church, that being freed from infidelity and hypocrisy, we may heed your words of truth and walk in your ways.

All **Create in us a faithful heart;
And renew in us a peaceful spirit.**

Presider We pray for ourselves, that being freed from self-destructive self-indulgence, we may heed your words of liberation and walk in your ways.

All **Create in us an awakened heart;
And renew in us a peaceful spirit.**

Presider We thank you for the blessings we have received, that being freed from ungrateful hearts and narrow minds, we may heed your words of grace and walk in your ways.

All **Create in us a pure heart;
And renew in us a peaceful spirit.**

Presider We pray for those in trouble, grief, need or crisis that being freed from helplessness and hopelessness, they may heed your words of power and walk in your ways.

All **Create in us an open heart;
And renew in us a peaceful spirit.**

Presider We pray for those who have died, that they may hear your words of welcome and rest in peace.

All **Create in us a hopeful heart;
And renew in us a peaceful spirit.**

Presider We pray for those on our hearts, offering intercession and solace, comfort and healing, praise and thanksgiving, for those we now name silently or aloud.

The people may add their own petitions.

Presider O God, the origin of love and giver of new life, have mercy on us and on our world: Re-make, remold, and restore us in your image and likeness, that we may renew our community, our nation, your Church and your world, by abandoning the ways of injustice and embracing the ways of true peace. In Christ's Name we pray.

All **Amen.**

The people stand.

Presider Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Serving this day
Presider Ben Bradstreet
Homilist Doug Oles
Lector Laura Blackmore