

# St. Matthias Anglican Church

## Service of Morning Prayer

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
also known as Passion Sunday  
March 29, 2020  
10:30am

This document contains the Morning Prayer Liturgy so you can participate from home during the Facebook Live Stream (or when watching at a later time).

Just as we do with the normal weekly bulletin, those portions in bold will be said by the people in their several homes.

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### OPENING SENTENCES

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*Minister:* Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. *Isaiah 57:15*

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2:13*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 St. John 1:8, 9*

*Minister:* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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### A GENERAL CONFESSION

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**A** LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

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### THE DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

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*The Priest shall say,*

**A** LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. ✠ He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**O** UR 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.

*Minister:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall forth thy praise**

*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*People:* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Minister:* Praise ye the Lord.

*People:* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

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**VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO.** From Psalms 95 & 96

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**O** COME, let us sing unto the LORD; \* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; \* and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

**For the LORD is a great God; \* and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth; \* and the strength of the hills is his also.**

**The sea is his, and he made it; \* and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship and fall down, \* and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

**For he is the Lord our God; \* and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**

**For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; \* and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.**

*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*People:* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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**THE PSALTER**

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Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

**H**AVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; \* according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

2 **Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, \* and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I acknowledge my faults, \* and my sin is ever before me.

4 **Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; \* that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou shalt judge.**

5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, \* and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6 **But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, \* and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.**

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; \* thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 **Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, \* that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.**

9 Turn thy face from my sins, \* and put out all my misdeeds.

10 **Make me a clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spirit within me.**

11 Cast me not away from thy presence, \* and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12 **O give me the comfort of thy help again, \* and stablish me with thy free Spirit.**

13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, \* and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 **Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; \* and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.**

15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, \* and my mouth shall show thy praise.

16 **For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; \* but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.**

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: \* a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

18 **O be favourable and gracious unto Sion; \* build thou the walls of Jerusalem.**

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; \* then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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**FIRST LESSON**

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*Numbers 19:2-9*

*Lector:* Here beginneth the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse of the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Numbers.

<sup>2</sup>This is the ordinance of the law which the Lord hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke: <sup>3</sup>And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face: <sup>4</sup>And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times: <sup>5</sup>And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: <sup>6</sup>And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer. <sup>7</sup>Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even. <sup>8</sup>And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even. <sup>9</sup>And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin.

*Lector:* Here endeth the first lesson.

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**BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE**

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**BLESSED art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.**

*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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**THE SECOND LESSON**

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*Hebrews 9:11-15*

*Lector:* Here beginneth the 11<sup>th</sup> verse of the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup> Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

*Lector:* Here endeth the second lesson.

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THE JUBILATE DEO. Psalm 100

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**O** BE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: \* serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the LORD he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; \* we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; \* be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; \* and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

*Minister:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*People:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

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**I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy Spirit.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

*Minister:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*People:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Minister:* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*People:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

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COLLECT(S) OF THE DAY

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*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

**W**E beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Collect for Lent*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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A COLLECT FOR PEACE

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**O** GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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A COLLECT FOR GRACE

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**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND ALL IN CIVIL AUTHORITY

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**O** LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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### A PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE

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**A** LMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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### A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN

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**O** GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our silent prayers are desired; [*the minister will pause for you to silently lift up any names in prayer*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

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### A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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**A** LMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

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### SPECIAL PRAYERS

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#### *In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality*

**O** MOST mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succor. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**G** RACIOUS Father, who has knit us together as the one body of thy Son, Jesus Christ, be with each family and household of our parish during this time of separation. Preserve everyone from sickness, especially those who have to be quarantined because of possible exposure to this virus. Provide for those who have lost their employment or have experienced financial cutbacks during this shutdown, and open to them new doors of opportunity. Finally, we ask that you lift this ban against worshipping together. As we approach Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday, may it please you to gather us again into holy house, that with one voice and one heart, we may remember the most holy acts of your redemption and rejoice in the Resurrection. All this we beg through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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*A Prayer for REC100 and our church planting ministry*

**A**LMIGHTY Lord, True God of the harvest, we thank you for the Great Commission of your only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. By His command to spread the Good News, we are led at this time to a particular vision of planting 100 new missions and parishes in the Reformed Episcopal Church. We ask for your favor, grace, and the anointing of the holy Spirit to fulfill the Gospel call that many might come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We humbly petition you for the workers of the harvest as well as the funding required to support them. Mindful that without your help we can do nothing, we pray for your hand of blessing to be upon us for your glory; in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

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**A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

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**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

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**2 CORINTHIANS 13:14**

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**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**THE SERMON**

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**THE BLESSING**

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**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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During this time of separation, we would ask that you would offer your tithes by:

1. Setting aside your weekly offering and presenting it all to the Lord the next time we are together.
2. Mailing a check to the parish
3. Using our Givelify online offering system. Visit [www.stmkaty.org](http://www.stmkaty.org) and look for the donate button.

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