

Morning Prayer Rite II Wednesday April 13

The Officiant begins the service with the following sentence

“Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, whom the Lord has afflicted. *Lamentations 1:12*

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Officiant and People say 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 Officiant stands and says

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.**

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People say together

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 Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Then follows an Invitatory Psalm, the Officiant and People saying together

**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!

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Then follows the appointed Psalm. The People sit for the psalm.

Psalm 55

¹ Give ear to my prayer, O God; do not hide yourself from my supplication.
² Attend to me, and answer me; I am troubled in my complaint.
I am distraught ³ by the noise of the enemy, because of the clamor of the wicked.
For they bring^[a] trouble upon me, and in anger they cherish enmity against me.
⁴ My heart is in anguish within me, the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
⁵ Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.
⁶ And I say, "O that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;
⁷ truly, I would flee far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; *Selah*
⁸ I would hurry to find a shelter for myself from the raging wind and tempest."
⁹ Confuse, O Lord, confound their speech; for I see violence and strife in the city.
¹⁰ Day and night they go around it on its walls, and iniquity and trouble are within it;
¹¹ ruin is in its midst; oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace.
¹² It is not enemies who taunt me— I could bear that;
it is not adversaries who deal insolently with me— I could hide from them.
¹³ But it is you, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend,
¹⁴ with whom I kept pleasant company; we walked in the house of God with the
throng. ¹⁵ Let death come upon them; let them go down alive to Sheol;
for evil is in their homes and in their hearts. ¹⁶ But I call upon God, and
the LORD will save me. ¹⁷ Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and
moan, and he will hear my voice.
¹⁸ He will redeem me unharmed from the battle that I wage,
for many are arrayed against me.
¹⁹ God, who is enthroned from of old, *Selah*
will hear, and will humble them—because they do not change, and do not fear God.
²⁰ My companion laid hands on a friend, and violated a covenant with me^[b]
²¹ with speech smoother than butter, but with a heart set on war;
with words that were softer than oil, but in fact were drawn swords.
²² Cast your burden^[c] on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
²³ But you, O God, will cast them down, into the lowest pit;
the bloodthirsty and treacherous shall not live out half their days.
But I will trust in you.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said by 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 for ever. Amen.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

The First Lesson

The People sit for the reading

Lamentations 2: 1-9

1How the Lord in his anger has humiliated daughter Zion!

He has thrown down from heaven to earth the splendor of Israel;
he has not remembered his footstool in the day of his anger.

2The Lord has destroyed without mercy all the dwellings of Jacob;
in his wrath he has broken down the strongholds of daughter Judah;
he has brought down to the ground in dishonor the kingdom and its rulers.

3He has cut down in fierce anger all the might of Israel;
he has withdrawn his right hand from them in the face of the enemy;
he has burned like a flaming fire in Jacob, consuming all around.

4He has bent his bow like an enemy, with his right hand set like a foe;
he has killed all in whom we took pride in the tent of daughter Zion;
he has poured out his fury like fire.

5The Lord has become like an enemy; he has destroyed Israel;
He has destroyed all its palaces,

laid in ruins its strongholds, and multiplied in daughter Judah
mourning and lamentation. 6He has broken down his booth like a garden,
he has destroyed his tabernacle; the LORD has abolished in Zion
festival and sabbath, and in his fierce indignation has spurned
king and priest. 7The Lord has scorned his altar, disowned his sanctuary;
he has delivered into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces;
a clamor was raised in the house of the LORD as on a day of festival.

8The LORD determined to lay in ruins the wall of daughter Zion;
he stretched the line; he did not withhold his hand from destroying;
he caused rampart and wall to lament; they languish together.

9Her gates have sunk into the ground; he has ruined and broken her bars;
her king and princes are among the nations; guidance is no more,
and her prophets obtain no vision from the LORD.

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

All stand. The following Canticle is said or sung by all

Song of Praise The Third Song of Isaiah Surge, illuminare

Isaiah 60: 1-3, 11a, 14c18-19

Arise, shine, for you light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you
For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples, But over
you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you. Nations will stream to
your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be
open; by day or night they will never be shut. They will call you, The City of the
Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Violence will no more be heard in your
land, ruin or destruction within your borders. You will call you walls, Salvation, and
all your portals, Praise. The sun will not more be you light by day; by night you will
not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and you
God will be your glory.

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 Gospel Reading *The People sit for the reading* **Mark 12:1-11**

12 Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a
fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it
to tenants and went to another country. ²When the season came, he sent a slave to
the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. ³But they
seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴And again he sent
another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. ⁵Then he sent
another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat,
and others they killed. ⁶He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to
them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ⁷But those tenants said to one another,
'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ⁸So they
seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹What then will the
owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the
vineyard to others. ¹⁰Have you not read this scripture: 'The stone that the builders
rejected has become the cornerstone;[a] ¹¹this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing
in our eyes?'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Rev. Linda Farmer-Lewis

All stand. The following is said by all

The 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

The people stand or kneel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People pray together

**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 Suffrage follows

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

O God, the author of peace and the lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all member of your holy church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you' through our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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 you 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**

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church:
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie, our Bishop; Karen, our priest;
and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions. The Officiant adds a concluding Collect

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

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People say 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.**

Then the Officiant says

 Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes with the following

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**