

Thursday after Ash Wednesday – Year 2  
Morning Prayer

### **Opening Sentence**

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. Joel 2:13

### **Versicle and Response**

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

### **Invitatory**

#### **Jubilate**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### **Psalms**

Psalm 37:1-18

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.  
2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.  
3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good;  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.  
4 Take delight in the Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.  
5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.  
6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light\*

and your just dealing as the noonday.  
7 Be still before the Lord \*  
and wait patiently for him.  
8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.  
9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.  
10 For evildoers shall be cut off,\*  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.  
11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.  
12 But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.  
13 The wicked plot against the righteous \*  
and gnash at them with their teeth.  
14 The Lord laughs at the wicked,\*  
because he sees that their day will come.  
15 the wicked draw their sword and bend their bow  
to strike down the poor and needy,\*  
to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.  
16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, \*  
and their bow shall be broken.  
17 The little that the righteous has \*  
is better than great riches of the wicked.  
18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, \*  
but the Lord upholds the righteous.

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.

## **Reading**

### **Habakkuk 3:1-18**

3A prayer of the prophet Habakkuk according to Shigionoth.

2 O Lord, I have heard of your renown,  
and I stand in awe, O Lord, of your work.

In our own time revive it;  
in our own time make it known;  
in wrath may you remember mercy.

3 God came from Teman,  
the Holy One from Mount Paran.

*Selah*

His glory covered the heavens,  
and the earth was full of his praise.

4 The brightness was like the sun;  
rays came forth from his hand,  
where his power lay hidden.

5 Before him went pestilence,

and plague followed close behind.  
6 He stopped and shook the earth;  
he looked and made the nations tremble.  
The eternal mountains were shattered;  
along his ancient pathways  
the everlasting hills sank low.  
7 I saw the tents of Cushan under affliction;  
the tent-curtains of the land of Midian trembled.  
8 Was your wrath against the rivers,\* O Lord?  
Or your anger against the rivers,\*  
or your rage against the sea,\*  
when you drove your horses,  
your chariots to victory?  
9 You brandished your naked bow,  
sated\* were the arrows at your command.\*

*Selah*

You split the earth with rivers.  
10 The mountains saw you, and writhed;  
a torrent of water swept by;  
the deep gave forth its voice.  
The sun\* raised high its hands;  
11 the moon\* stood still in its exalted place,  
at the light of your arrows speeding by,  
at the gleam of your flashing spear.  
12 In fury you trod the earth,  
in anger you trampled nations.  
13 You came forth to save your people,  
to save your anointed.  
You crushed the head of the wicked house,  
laying it bare from foundation to roof.\*  
*Selah*  
14 You pierced with their\* own arrows the head\* of his warriors,\*  
who came like a whirlwind to scatter us,\*  
gloating as if ready to devour the poor who were in hiding.  
15 You trampled the sea with your horses,  
churning the mighty waters.

16 I hear, and I tremble within;  
my lips quiver at the sound.  
Rottenness enters into my bones,  
and my steps tremble\* beneath me.  
I wait quietly for the day of calamity  
to come upon the people who attack us.

17 Though the fig tree does not blossom,  
and no fruit is on the vines;  
though the produce of the olive fails  
and the fields yield no food;

though the flock is cut off from the fold  
and there is no herd in the stalls,  
18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord;  
I will exult in the God of my salvation.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 8 The Song of Moses**

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted;\*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge;\*  
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him,\*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior;\*  
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea;\*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them;\*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might;\*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand;\*  
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed;\*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord,\*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign \*

for ever and for ever.

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.

## **Reading**

### **John 17:1-8**

17After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2since you have given him authority over all people,\* to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed**

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*

O King of all the ages

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord  
and sing the praises of your Name  
for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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 Apostle's 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 Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

### **Suffrages**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
And grant us your salvation.  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
Let your people sing with joy.  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
For only in you can we live in safety.  
Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
Let your way be known upon earth;  
Your saving health among all nations.  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**Collect of the Day: Ash Wednesday**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all 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 you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, who divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**For Mission**

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 members 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.

**Prayers and Intercessions**

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

**General Thanksgiving**

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.

**Benediction**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

2 Corinthians 13:14