

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

*Celebrating Patrick of Ireland, Bishop and Missionary*

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

6:00 pm



"Be thou my meditation by day and night:  
may it be thou that I behold for ever in my sleep."

*~ from Prayers & Praises in the Celtic Tradition*

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*The Officiant begins*

(BCP Page 127)

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

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

*The Officiant may then say*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father:*

*We have sinned against you,*

*through our own fault,*

*in thought, and word, and deed,*

*and in what we have left undone.*

*For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*forgive us all our offenses;*

*and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,*

*to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*Officiant*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

(BCP Page 128)

*The Officiant then says*

O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

*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.*

## Psalm 96

(BCP Pages 725-726)

*Officiant and People read in unison.*

Sing to the LORD a new song;

    sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;

    proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations

    and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;

    he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;

    but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!

    Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples;

    ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name;

    bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;

    let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King!

    he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

    he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

    let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

    let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

    before the LORD when he comes,

    when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness

    and the peoples with his truth.

*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.*

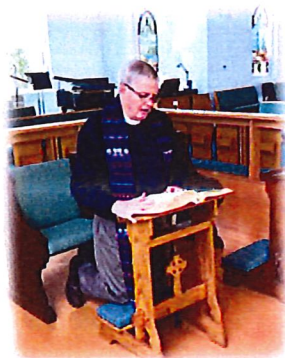
## A Reading from I Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

*Officiant*      The word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*





Hymn: Earth And All Stars (vs. 1, 5, 6)

(Hymn #412)



1. Earth and all stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing to the	Lord
5. Class-rooms and labs,	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the	Lord
6. Know-ledge and truth,	loud sound-ing	wis - dom,	sing to the	Lord



1. a new song!	O vic - to - ry,	loud shout - ing	ar - my,
5. a new song!	Ath - lete and band,	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,
6. a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,



1. sing to the Lord	a new song!	He has done mar-
5. sing to the Lord	a new song!	
6. sing to the Lord	a new song!	



- vel - ous things.	I, too, will praise him with a new	song!
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The Officiant continues

(BCP Page 132)

V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## The Lord's Prayer

(BCP Pages 132-133)

*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.*

*Officiant:* Lord, hear our prayer;

*People:* *And let our cry come to you.*

*Officiant* Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day: Patrick of Ireland, Bishop and Missionary

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God, in your providence you chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle to the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that way that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever *Amen.*

## Collect For the Fourth Sunday in Lent

(BCP Page 218)

*The Officiant says*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## A Prayer For Guidance

(BCP Pages 832)

*The Officiant says*

O God, in whom the light rises up in darkness: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask What thou would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in *thy* light we may see light, and in *thy* straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A time of silence is offered followed by your intercessions and thanksgivings.*

### St. Patrick's Breastplate, an Irish Melody

(Hymn #370, Refrain)

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me  
Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet,  
Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that  
Love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

*All*

(BCP Page 134)

*Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep we may rest in peace.*

*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.*

*Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and  
asleep we may rest in peace.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant concludes*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*

# St. Patrick's Day

