

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Rev. James W. Friedel

AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

Celebrating John Donne, Priest and Poet

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

6:00 pm



"Let us test and examine our ways,
and return to the LORD.
Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands
to God in heaven.

~Lamentations 3:40-41

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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 16

(BCP Pages 599-600)

Officiant and People read in unison.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

*I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."*

*All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.*

*But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.*

*Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.*

*50 LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.*

*My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.*

*I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.*

*I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.*

*My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.*

*For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.*

*You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.*

*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 Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

All this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God; whether it is love or hate one does not know. Everything that confronts them is vanity, since the same fate comes to all, to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to those who sacrifice and those who do not sacrifice. As are the good, so are the sinners; those who swear are like those who shun an oath. This is an evil in all that happens under the sun, that the same fate comes to everyone. Moreover, the hearts of all are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. But whoever is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. The living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing; they have no more reward, and even the memory of them is lost. Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished; never again will they have any share in all that happens under the sun.

Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has long ago approved what you do. Let your garments always be white; do not let oil be lacking on your head. Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might; for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to the skillful; but time and chance happen to them all. For no one can anticipate the time of disaster. Like fish taken in a cruel net, and like birds caught in a snare, so mortals are snared at a time of calamity, when it suddenly falls upon them.

Officiant The word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

A Reflection

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Hymn: When Jesus Died To Save Us

(Hymn #322)

1. When Je - sus died to save us, a word, an act he gave us;
 2. was the Word that spake it, he took the bread and brake it,

1. and still that word is spo - ken, and still the bread is bro - ken. 2. He
 2. and what that Word did make it, I do be - lieve and

Final Ending

1.
 2. take it.

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: John Donne, Priest and Poet

The Officiant says

Almighty God, the root and fountain of all being: Open our eyes to see, with your servant John Donne, that whatever has any being is a mirror in which we may behold you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect For Wednesday in Holy Week

(BCP Page 220)

The Officiant says

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Hymn to God the Father

by John Donne

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, thou hast done;
I fear no more.

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

A Collect at the Prayers

(BCP Page 394)

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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.

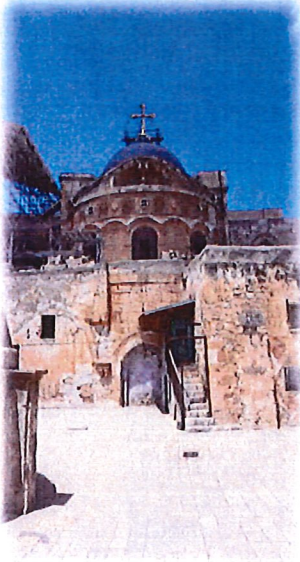
Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Officiant concludes

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





HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 1st ~ Maundy Thursday ~ 6:00 pm

April 2nd ~ Good Friday
Services at 7:00 am, Noon, and 6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross ~ 5:00 pm

April 3rd ~ Holy Saturday ~ 6:00 pm

April 4th ~ Easter Day
Services at 9:00 am and 11:00 am
(The 9:00 service will also be recorded live on Facebook.)

NOTE: *Father Jim will have Holy Week Prayer Reflections daily via FACEBOOK at 9:00 am, Monday March 29th ~ Maundy Thursday April 1st.*

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