

# An Order of Service for Noonday March 25, 2020

*Officiant* 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.**

*The following Psalms are said.*

## **PSALM 121**

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \* from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from God, \* the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 God will not let your foot be moved; \* the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel \* shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Holy One watches over you \* and is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \* nor the moon by night.
- 7 God shall preserve you from all evil, \* and is the One who shall keep you safe.
- 8 God shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \* from this time forth for evermore

## PSALM 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in  
time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you  
should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

*At the end of the Psalms is 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.**

## A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (25:1-9) KJV

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things;  
thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it  
shall never be built.

Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.

For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the  
storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow  
of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*A meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.*

*The Officiant then begins the Prayers*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*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.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory.  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer;  
*People* **And let our cry come to you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant then says the following Collects.*

God of healing and hope; in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the new virus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us. Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer, Amen. (written by The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells)

O Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succour. 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. (From the 1928 Prayer Book)

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*The service concludes as follows*

**FOR PEOPLE CRITICALLY ILL, OR FACING GREAT UNCERTAINTY**

(from the New Zealand Prayer Book page 747)

God of the present moment,

God who in Jesus stills the storm

and soothes the frantic heart;

bring hope and courage to *your people who*

wait in uncertainty.

Bring hope that you will make *us* the equal

of whatever lies ahead.

Bring *us* courage to endure what cannot be avoided,

for your will is health and wholeness;  
you are God, and we need you. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.