

CCQF Sunday Worship Morning Prayer (abridged) March 29th

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture,

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*

Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor (silence).

Father John will read one line of the confession and the invitatory, then you are invited to repeat that line

Officiant and People

**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,
walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **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.**

The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus* *Isaiah 12:2-6 (Read in unison)*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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.**

FIRST READING from the prophet, Ezekiel

[Intro—The prophet Ezekiel was taken by the Lord to a valley, which was filled up with the bones of dead human. God commanded Ezekiel to prophesy God's Word to the bones. As Ezekiel praised God, then] the bones came together, bone on bone. I looked and then the bones had skin, and flesh came upon them. But there was no breath in them...so I prophesied as the Lord commanded me, and breathe came upon them; and they stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then God said, "O my people, I will open your graves and bring you back to Israel. You shall know that I am the Lord...I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live..." THE WORD OF THE LORD. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING from the Gospel of John

[Jesus learned that his good friend, Lazarus had died. Jesus and his disciples went to his town, Bethany, where Jesus met Lazarus's grieving sisters. Jesus was escorted to the tomb where Lazarus was buried. Outside the tomb, Jesus wept. Jesus commanded that the stone, in front of the tomb, be rolled away. Next, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father God, I thank you for having heard me." ...When he had said this, Jesus cried in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Untie him, and let him go."

Many people therefore, who had come with Lazarus' sister, Mary, had seen what Jesus did, and believed in Him."

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THE SERMON

THE SERMON SONG

Put on the garments of praise, for the Spirit of heaviness;
Let the oil of gladness flow down from your throne!
Put on the garments of praise, for the Spirit of heaviness;
your joy is my strength alone, my strength alone!

Make these broken weary bones rise to dance again,
wet this dry and thirsty land with a river!

Lord our eyes are fixed on you and we are waiting,
for your garland of grace as we praise your Name!

(CHORUS)

HALLELUJAH, SING HALLELUJAH! We give all honor and praise to you Name!
HALLELUJAH, SING HALLELUJAH! We Trade our sorrows for garments of praise!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUFrages B (repeat after Fr. John)

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance; R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
- V. Day by day we bless you; R. We praise your name for ever.
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today; R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy; R. For we put our trust in you.
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope; R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

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 your 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.**

PRAYER DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

Creator God of the universe, divine source of health and wholeness, whose compassion embraces the entire community of earth: behold your fearful people all over the world as we confront the coronavirus. Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Holy God, hear our voices. Let your ear be attentive to our cries as we pray for all who may be affected by the virus. Loving God, hasten the day when the virus will have run its course; quicken scientists to develop medications and vaccines; call out the best instincts of your people—love, neighborliness, compassion, and a sense of caring for every member of your beloved community on Earth. We pray out of the depths to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Individual Prayers & Thanksgivings, both aloud and silently.

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THE BLESSING