



**Episcopal Diocese of Texas  
Council 2021 Worship  
Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two**

*The Bishop says:*

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 anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

*The Bishop says:*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence*

*The Bishop and people say:*

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

*The Bishop says:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

*The Bishop invites viewers to say together:*

**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 forever. Amen.**

*The Bishop says:*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, come let us adore him.

**Venite**

*Psalm 95:1-7*

*Dulce Aguilar, Voz  
Lucía Chávez, Percusionista  
Francisco Chávez, Guitarra*

The Psalm

Psalm 15

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
    who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
    who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
    he does no evil to his friend; \*  
    he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
    but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
    and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
    nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
    shall never be overthrown.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### A Reading from **Acts 1:15-26**

Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the book of Psalms,

    `Let his homestead become desolate,  
    and let there be no one to live in it';

and

    `Let another take his position of overseer.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Here ends the Reading.

### **The Third Song of Isaiah (Arise and Shine)**

*By Nadene Moss*

*Kaci Timmons, Soprano*

*Joan Bolden-Hubert, Mezzo-Soprano/Alto*

*Dwight Ward, Tenor*

*Dorceal Duckens, Bass/Baritone*

*Phillip Hall, Pianist*

### A Reading from **Philippians 3:13-21**

This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often

told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Here ends the Reading.

**The Magnificat**

*Lesly Reynaga*

A Reading from **John 15:1,6-16**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name."

Here ends the Reading.

**Te Deum Laudamus**  
*By Dominico Scarlatti*

*The Choir of Grace, Georgetown*

SERMON

Archbishop Thabo Makgoba

*All to say:*

### **The Apostles' 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.**

Let us pray.

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### *Suffrages*

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 on 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.

### *A Collect for Saturday*

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light 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 during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**ANTHEM**  
**EDOT VIRTUAL CHOIR**

**Lord, Speak to Me**

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*Music by Richard Shepherd*

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*The Chaplain says:*

It is our privilege at Council to remember all those who have served this diocese in the past and now find their eternal rest:

Vincent Anderson  
Dudley Baker  
Lu Ann Barrow  
Vera Berger  
Carmelita Blackwood  
William Bodkin  
Charles Cliff Burks  
Sue Burton  
Larry Carpenter  
Lloyd Criss  
Fred Curry  
Harriet Reed Cutshall  
Charles M. Dalton  
Harold R. DeMoss  
Nancy Erbar Elkins  
Betty Elliott  
Dolores Goble  
Jean Harris Forester Green  
Margo Hall Hearn  
Nancy Johnson  
Ann Wier Jones  
Charles Arthur Kasdorf  
Josephine Krouse

Benjamin Okigbo  
Teresa Okigbo  
Louise T. Perry  
Twynette Sweeney Putty  
Edward Randall  
Fleetwood Warner Range  
Charles Hepburn Richardson  
Joe Rossano  
Robert Scherer  
Mary K. Schultz  
Emily Shepherd  
Beth Ann Sikes  
Norma Silva  
Eugene Wentworth  
Bill Wicker  
Barbara Williams  
The Rev. Martha Frances  
The Rev. Dr. Sean A. Cox  
The Rev. Steven L. McClaskey  
The Rev. Virginia Dabney Brown  
The Rev. Russell D. Minter  
The Rev. Dr. Bill Littleton  
The Rt. Rev. John Buchanan

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a religious and holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *The General Thanksgiving*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and lovingkindness 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 ourselves 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.**

### *Closing Prayer*

Almighty God, you have given us grace/ at this time with one accord/ to make our common supplication to you;/ and you have promised /through your well-beloved Son /that when two or three are gathered together in his Name/ you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions /as may be best for us; /granting us in this world /knowledge of your truth/, and in the age to come /life everlasting. **Amen.**

### *The Bishop says:*

Let us bless the Lord. 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*

### *Postlude*

#### **Lobe Den Herrn Mit Pauken Und Zimbeln Schoen (Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals) opus 101**

*by Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

Dr. Linda Patterson, Organ; Randal Adams, Trumpet;  
Steve Warkentin, Trumpet; Kevin McIntyre, French Horn;  
Ben Osborne, Trombone; Bill Holt, Tuba

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