

Washington's Prayer

ALMIGHTY GOD: We make our earnest prayer that thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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POHICK CHURCH Service in Honor of George Washington

8:30 am – February 20, 2023

**The Order for Morning Prayer
1662 Book of Common Prayer**

PRELUDE

At the Entrance, the Congregation rises and the Minister begins with the following:

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Psalm li. 17.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me;

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing; the people still kneeling.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true

repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer with an audible voice; the people also kneeling, and repeating it with her, both here, and wheresoever else it is used in Divine Service.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Then likewise she shall say,

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Priest. O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here all standing up, the Priest shall say,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Priest. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

Venite, exultemus Domino.

Psalm xcv.

(Said in Unison)

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and show ourselves glad in him with Psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts: as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me: proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said: It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways.

Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Celebrant	The Very Reverend Dr. Lynn Ronaldi, <i>Rector</i>
Minister of Music	Danny Catalanotto
LEM	Mike Elston
Ushers	Tom Bland and Doug Smith

Vestry of Pohick Church

Rector:	The Very Rev. Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi
Sr. Warden:	Mike Elston <i>Stewardship</i>
Jr. Warden:	Tony Harriman <i>Bldg. & Grounds</i>
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	Beth Cooke <i>Christian Ed.</i>
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	Jeff Schavland <i>Policy & Procedure</i>
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	D'Andrea Wooten <i>Invite Welcome Connect</i>
Youth Reps	Adelaide Hoffman (22-23) <i>Christian Ed.</i>
	Will Elston (23-24) <i>Christian Ed.</i>

The preceding Order for Morning Prayer is taken from the 1662 English Book of Common Prayer, which is the service that Washington followed in his Sunday worship at Pohick Church, with two major modifications.

To wit: the organ was not present in 18th century worship at Pohick and therefore all music was sung a cappella; and, due to contemporary circumstances, prayers for the Monarch and the Royal family have been omitted. This last is not entirely anachronistic, as these prayers were reportedly dropped from the service as early as 1774.

Since members of the congregation had been used to offering these throughout their lives, their sudden omission would have produced a jarring effect, one that undoubtedly caught many worshipers between their rising patriotic zeal and their sense of Christian responsibility that one should offer prayers even for one's enemies.

*The Offering this morning is designated for the
Pohick Church General Fund*

In order that we might sustain the work that George Washington began

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels; Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

2 Corinthians xiii.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Hymn # 397 Now thank we all our God

The Homily: The Very Reverend Dr. Lynn Ronaldi, Rector

The Offertory

The Doxology Hymn #380 v. 3

Collects to be said after the Offertory.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PROTECT us O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn # 717 My country, 'tis of thee

Psalm 96:1-8 Cantate Domino

(Said in Unison)

O SING unto the Lord a new song : sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name : be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the heathen : and his wonders unto all people.

For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised : he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols : but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before him : power and honour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people : ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name : bring presents, and come into his courts.

Priest. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson: Genesis xix 12-30 *(be seated)*

Te Deum Laudamus

(stand and say in unison)

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee;

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true: and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage.

Govern them: and lift them up for ever.

Day by day: we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

The Second Lesson: St. Matth. xix 1-13(*be seated*)

Benedictus.
St. Luke i. 68.
(*stand and say in unison*)

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hand of all that hate us.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face
of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet
into the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Then shall be sung or said the Apostle's Creed, by the Minister and the people standing:

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of
the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended
into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints: The
Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with
a loud voice,*

The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Minister, Clerks, and people shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done
in 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. Amen.

Then the Priest standing up shall say,

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.
Priest. O Lord, save thy people.
Answer. And bless thine inheritance.
Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The first Collect, for Sexagesima

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy
Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace
and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for
thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The second Collect, for Peace

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our
eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of
our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries,
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The third Collect, for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the
beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we
fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy
governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*