



Sing to the
LORD

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MORNING PRAYER
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All Stand

Hymnal p. 493 vs 1,3&5 **OPENING HYMN: “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

Officiant: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. [*Psalm 43:3*]

Officiant and People together:

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together:

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

Officiant:

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: Lord open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People together: *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. Alleluia.*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

The Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;*

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;*

He himself has made us, and we are his; we are the people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;*

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;*

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

All Sit

THE LESSONS

Lector:

The Psalm Appointed: Psalm 96:1-9

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *

and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *

he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *

but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *

Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *

ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *

bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth tremble before him.

1st READING: A Reading from the book of Isaiah [Isaiah 45:1-7]

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel,

who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know,
from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe;

I the LORD do all these things.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector and People together:

CANTICLE 9: The First Song of Isaiah

*1 Salvation comes from God the Lord
And I will trust Him without fear:
My stronghold and my sure defense,
My Savior who is always near.*

*2 Draw water from salvation's springs,
And on that day your joy proclaim,
Give thanks to God, make known his deeds,
And call upon his holy name.*

*3 Exalt God's Name, the Holy One
Has done great things for us to tell;
Zion, ring out your joy and praise,
The Holy One of Israel.*

*4 All Glory to the Father, Son,
And to the Holy Spirit be,
As from the first it was, is now,
And will be for eternity.*

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2nd READING: Reading from the Book of I Thessalonians [I Thessalonians 1:1-10]

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector and People together:

CANTICLE 16: The Song of Zechariah

- 1 *Now bless the God of Israel,
Who comes in love and pow'r.
Who raises from the royal house
Deliv'rance in this hour.*
- 2 *Through holy prophets God has sworn
to free us from alarm,
to save us from the heavy hand
of all who wish us harm.*
- 3 *Remembering the covenant,
God rescues us from fear,
That we might serve in holiness
And peace from year to year.*
- 4 *And you, my child, shall go before
To preach, to prophesy,
That all may know the tender love,
The grace of God most high.*
- 5 *In tender mercy, God will send
The dayspring from on high,
Our rising sun, the light of life
For those who sit and sigh.*
- 6 *God comes to guide our way to peace,
That death shall reign no more.
Sing praises to the Holy One!
O worship and adore!*

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All Stand

“ALLELUIA”

The Gospel According to St. Matthew [Matthew 22:15-22]

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

"ALLELUIA"

DWELLING IN THE WORD

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Officiant and People together:

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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People together:

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.

All Sit

BCP, p. 388 The Prayers of the People, Form IV

Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this Parish, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, a new consecration to your service so that, through our renewed witness, your Holy Name may be glorified and your Kingdom advanced; may hearts be touched and lives changed through the witness of St. Matthew's. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
For all your goodness and loving kindness 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.*

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Hymnal p. 411 vs 1,2&5 Closing Hymn: "O Bless the Lord my Soul"

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: 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*

EXCHANGING THE PEACE

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

In honor of Judy Taylor, today's Altar Flowers are given by Lorrie Taylor and the Sanctuary candle given by Linda Gerding. We remember Judy today as tomorrow marks the one-year anniversary of her death-we still miss her!

Birthdays We Celebrate this Week:

Stacy Wagstaff – October 19

Fr. Jeff Hurst – October 20

Upcoming Service Schedule

Sunday, October 25 – Father Brian Cowley will celebrate the Eucharist

Sunday, November 1 – St. Matthew's Morning Prayer

Sunday, November 8 – Father Brian Cowley will celebrate the Eucharist

Sunday, November 15 – St. Matthew's Morning Prayer

Sunday, November 22 – Father Stephan Beatty will celebrate the Eucharist

Sunday, November 29 – St. Matthew's Morning Prayer

*Also on Sunday, November 29 -
Celebration of Life for Manuel Gutierrez [4:00 pm visitation - 5:00 pm service]*

Sunday, December 6 – St. Matthew's Morning Prayer

Sunday, December 13 – Father Brian Cowley will celebrate the Eucharist

Sunday, December 20 – St. Matthew's Morning Prayer

Sunday, December 27 – Father Chas Marks will celebrate the Eucharist