



Morning Prayer

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## Prelude

Variations on 'Blessed Jesus, at thy word'

*Hymnal 440*

*J. G. Walther*

Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;  
By thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.  
All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
Till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded;  
Thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.  
Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry thy Church upraises; hear, and bless our prayer and praises.

Welcome and Announcements **Diane**

Grace to you and  
peace from God  
our Father and  
from the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

*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 Priest alone stands and 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 Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord open our lips. **Diane**  
*People* *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise*

*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. Alleluia.*

*Officiant* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

**Venite** Psalm 95:1-7

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; \**

*let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.*

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \**

*and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God, \**

*and a great King above all gods.*

*In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \**

*and the heights of the hills are his also.*

*The sea is his, for he made it, \**

*and his hands have molded the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \**

*and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

*For he is our God,*

*and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \**

*Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

### Psalm Appointed

**Psalm 65: 1-14 Susan**

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*

to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*

because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*

but you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose

and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*

they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,

by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation, \*

O Hope of all the ends of the earth

- and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

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 Lessons

### **A Reading from Isaiah 55:10-13** Nancy

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader     The Word of the Lord  
People     *Thanks be to God.*

**The Second Song of Isaiah**           *Isaiah 55:6-11*     **Susan**

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;  
    call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways  
    and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,  
    and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
    nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
    so are my ways higher than your ways,  
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens  
    and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth,  
    seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;  
    it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,  
    and prosper in that for which I sent it.

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:1-11**     **Nancy**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader     The Word of the Lord  
People     *Thanks be to God.*

**You are God *Te Deum laudamus* Susan**

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

**A Reading from Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Nancy**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and

immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Reader     The Word of the Lord  
People     *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Sermon**

#### **Voluntary**

‘O day of peace that dimly shines’

1982 Hymnal # 597

*Charles Callahan*

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
Guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes,  
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,  
Till by God’s grace our warring world shall see Christ’s promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

### **The Apostles' Creed** **Doug**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

*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

*The People stand or kneel* **Diane**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

*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,*

*for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Suffrages B Nancy V Susan R**

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.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day* **Diane**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*For the Poor and the Neglected* Doug

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Prayer for Spiritual Communion* Diane

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping especially those on our parish prayer list: Erick, Jayson, Jessica, Jenifer, Jordan, Linnea, Lisa, Micky, Molly, Nancy, Nic, Peg, Rob, Eli, Jim, Will, Stephen, Mel, Suzie, Oscar, Kristen, Mary, Ruth, and Trisha. I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for the creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, especially Phyllis, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me and for those celebrating a birthday Trish, Sam, Peter, Liam, Maryanne. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

*A prayer for all those affected by Coronavirus* Doug

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*The General Thanksgiving* Doug

*Officiant and People*

*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 our selves 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.*

Let us bless the Lord. **Diane**  
*Thanks be to God.*

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*

**Recessional**

‘God is working his purpose out’

1982 Hymnal 534

*Ainger*

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year:  
God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near;  
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be.  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west, wherever foot hath trod,  
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God;  
Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,  
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God, with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world:  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin to set their captives free,  
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God give life to the seed;  
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.