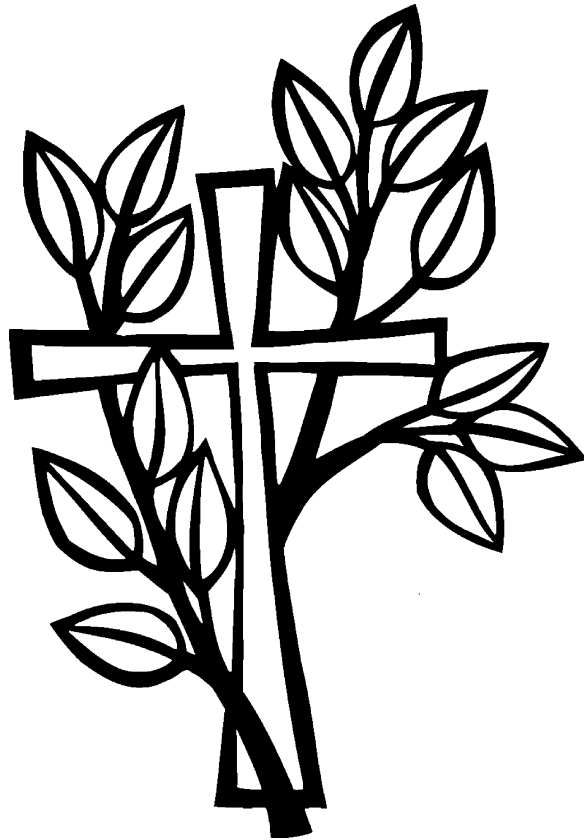


# Morning Prayer

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# We Gather

## Prelude

## Dialogue and Doxology

*The assembly stands.*

O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my 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. Alleluia.**

## First Psalm:

*“The Venite”*

*Ps. 95:1-7*

*The psalmody begins with a morning psalm of praise.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord:  
**let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**  
Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving  
**and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**  
For you, Lord, are a great God,  
**and a great ruler above all gods.**  
In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
**the heights of the hills are also yours.**  
The sea is yours, for you made it;  
**and your hands have molded the dry land.**  
Come, let us worship and bow down;  
**let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**  
For the Lord is our God,  
**and we are the people of God’s pasture**  
**and the sheep of God’s hand.**

*The leader may comment briefly upon the service of the day.*

*The assembly stands.*

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| 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,<br>source of life and truth and grace,<br>Word made flesh, whose birth among us<br>hallows all our human race,<br>you our head, who, throned in glory,<br>for your own will ever plead:<br>fill us with your love and pity,<br>heal our wrong, and help our need. | 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,<br>King of love and Prince of peace;<br>hush the storm of strife and passion,<br>bid its cruel discords cease.<br>By your patient years of toiling,<br>by your silent hours of pain,<br>quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,<br>stem our selfish greed of gain. |
| 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,<br>so may we for others live.<br>Freely have your gifts been granted;<br>freely may your servants give.<br>Yours the gold and yours the silver,<br>yours the wealth of land and sea;<br>we but stewards of your bounty<br>held in solemn trust will be.  | 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,<br>source of life and truth and grace,<br>Word made flesh, whose birth among us<br>hallows all our human race:<br>by your praying, by your willing<br>that your people should be one,<br>grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:<br>here on earth your will be done.        |

*Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932*

## We Hear the Word

*The assembly is seated.*

### Second Psalm 26:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived <sup>1</sup> with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and <sup>1</sup> have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O <sup>1</sup> LORD, and try me;**  
**examine my heart <sup>1</sup> and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- <sup>1</sup> fore my eyes;  
I have walked faithful- <sup>1</sup> ly with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat <sup>1</sup> with the worthless,**  
**nor do I consort with <sup>1</sup> the deceitful. R**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of <sup>1</sup> evildoers;  
I will not sit down <sup>1</sup> with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in inno- <sup>1</sup> cence, O LORD,**  
**that I may go in procession <sup>1</sup> round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song <sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your won- <sup>1</sup> derful deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, I love the house in <sup>1</sup> which you dwell**  
**and the place where your glo- <sup>1</sup> ry abides. R**

**First Reading: Romans 12:9-21**

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

A reading from Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

<sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”*

A reading from St. Matthew.

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those

who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

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## **We Respond to the Word**

**Hymn of the Day: “Will You Come and Follow Me?” ELW 798**

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| 1 "Will you come and follow me<br>if I but call your name?<br>Will you go where you don't know<br>and never be the same?<br>Will you let my love be shown,<br>will you let my name be known,<br>will you let my life be grown<br>in you and you in me?          | Will you kiss the leper clean,<br>and do such as this unseen,<br>and admit to what I mean<br>in you and you in me?   |
| 2 "Will you leave yourself behind<br>if I but call your name?<br>Will you care for cruel and kind<br>and never be the same?<br>Will you risk the hostile stare,<br>should your life attract or scare?<br>Will you let me answer pray'r<br>in you and you in me? | 4 "Will you love the you you hide<br>if I but call your name?<br>Will you quell the fear inside<br>and never be the same?<br>Will you use the faith you've found<br>to reshape the world around,<br>through my sight and touch and sound<br>in you and you in me?" |
| 3 "Will you let the blinded see<br>if I but call your name?<br>Will you set the pris'ners free<br>and never be the same?  | 5 Lord, your summons echoes true<br>when you but call my name.<br>Let me turn and follow you<br>and never be the same.<br>In your company I'll go<br>where your love and footsteps show.<br>Thus I'll move and live and grow<br>in you and you in me.              |

*Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949*

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**Gospel Canticle: “Benedictus”**

*The assembly stands to recite the song of Zechariah.*

In the tender compassion of our God  
**the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,  
**you have come to your people and set them free.**

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
**born of the house of your servant David.**

In the tender compassion of our God  
**the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our  
enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,  
**to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy  
covenant.**

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**  
free to worship you without fear,  
**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

In the tender compassion of our God  
**the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
**for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,**  
to give God's people knowledge of salvation  
**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God  
**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

## **Prayers**

*The assembly stands.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.*

We pray for the Church, and for all who seek peace in this community.

[...] Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the created world – forest and field, river and ocean. [...]

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who govern the nations. [...] Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who labor and those who organize. [...] Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We pray for the departed. [...] Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the  
prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through  
Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*The leader may introduce the prayer.*

Let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **We Go Forth**

### **Sending Prayer**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see  
the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us  
faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only  
that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: "Let Streams of Living Justice" ELW 710**

1 Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;

give freedom's light to captives,  
let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading,  
the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter,  
the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon,  
strike down the iron pow'r;  
abolish ancient vengeance:  
proclaim your people's hour.

2 For healing of the nations, <sup>[SEP]</sup>for peace  
that will not end, <sup>[SEP]</sup>for love that makes  
us lovers, <sup>[SEP]</sup>God grant us grace to  
mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together;  
knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us

till our thread of life is run.  
O great weaver of our fabric,  
bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance,  
light our colors with your sun.

3 Your city's built to music;  
we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language;  
we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service,  
our hope in others' dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbor;  
our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice;  
your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger;  
your life—the Crucified.

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## **Blessing**

*The service concludes with the Blessing.*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and  
preserve us.

**Amen.**

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