

## The Service of Morning Prayer

## OPENING HYMN

*All creatures of our God and King*

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
 \* 2 Great rush-ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
 \* 3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless-ings on our



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn-ing  
 2 loft, O\_\_\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
 4 way, O\_\_\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:

*Refrain*

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623;  
 adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*Please note that BCP refers to The Book of Common Prayer should you wish to refer to the prayer book.*

Officiant: The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Officiant: 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.**

Officiant: 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

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Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

**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.**

JUBILATE Psalm 100

BCP 82

*Officiant and People*

**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 his 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.*

THE PSALM APPOINTED: PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

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Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 105, to be read in unison.

*Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \**  
*make known his deeds among the peoples.*

*Sing to him, sing praises to him, \**  
*and speak of all his marvelous works.*

*Glory in his holy Name; \**  
*let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

*Search for the Lord and his strength; \**  
*continually seek his face.*

*Remember the marvels he has done, \**  
*his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,*

*O offspring of Abraham his servant, \**  
*O children of Jacob his chosen.*

*Israel came into Egypt, \**  
*and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.*

*The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; \**  
*he made them stronger than their enemies;*

***Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.***

***He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen. Hallelujah!***

THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 3:1-15

A Reading from the Book of Exodus:

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

The Word of the Lord  
***Thanks be to God***

## A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 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." 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." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord  
***Thanks be to God***

GOSPEL HYMN

*Make me a channel of your peace*

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
 2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
 4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It

there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in

there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And  
 there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And  
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in

where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.  
 dy - ing that we're born to e-ter - nal life.

Verse 3

3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con -

soled as to con - sole. To be un-der-stood as to un-der -

stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul. D.C.

A Reading from the Gospel According to St. Matthew:

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. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” 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.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 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? 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. 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.”

The Word of the Lord  
***Thanks be to God***

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor

The Mission of Holy Comforter

Love God, Love Others

Serve God, Serve Others

*Officiant and People together*

*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.*

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.*

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

**People: We praise your Name for ever.**

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**People: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**People: For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

**People: And we shall never hope in vain.**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

BCP 100

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.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For those in need of healing: *Holly Pinheiro and Joy Waldo*. For those with COVID-19. For those who are homebound. For the safety of *Joseph Haddow* and all those who serve abroad.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. For those celebrating birthdays: *Mary Byrd*. For those celebrating anniversaries: *John and Mary Beth Arnold, Thomas and Joy Cook*. For our partnership with Martinez Elementary School and The Claiborne at West Lake.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom: *Bobby Banks and The Rev. Dan McCall*.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

***To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.***

Officiant: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

## BLESSING

Always remember how short life is and how little time we have to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the rich and abundant blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all, evermore. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Officiant: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

***People (Especially children): Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.***

## SERVING TODAY

Officiant/Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor
Lectors	Ashley and Alexander Saunders
Musician	Drs. Brad and Lucy Green
Live stream	Mr. Thomas Saunders and Mr. William Liebel

## VESTRY

Fred Hoogland, Sr. Warden, Dave Blake, Jr. Warden

Mallory Halterman, Steven Hahn,

Tab Carter, Bill Liebel