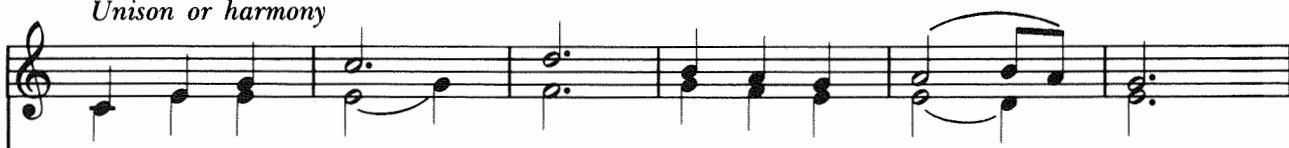


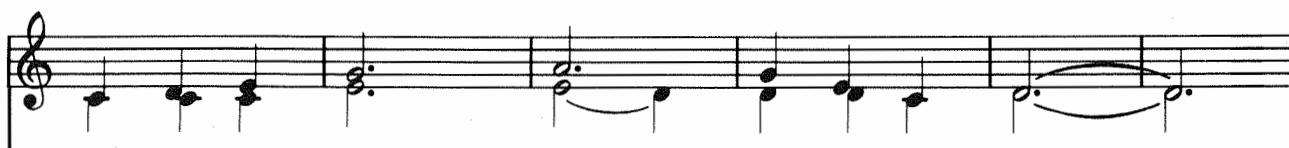
## The Service of Morning Prayer

## OPENING HYMN

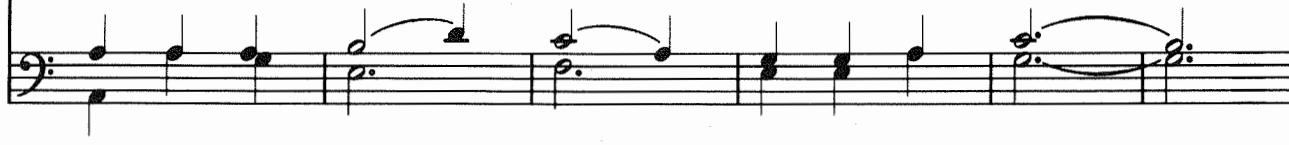
Morning has broken

*Unison or harmony*

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. \_\_\_\_\_  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_  
 born of the one light E - den saw play! \_\_\_\_\_



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Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
 God's re - cre - a - tion, of the new day! \_\_\_\_\_



*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

BCP 80

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 89:1-4, 15-18

BCP 713

Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 89, to be read in unison.

*Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.*

*For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.*

*"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:*

*'I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"*

*Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \*  
they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.*

*They rejoice daily in your Name; \*  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.*

*For you are the glory of their strength, \*  
and by your favor our might is exalted.*

*Truly, the LORD is our ruler; \*  
the Holy One of Israel is our King.*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

1

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right - eous - ness,  
seek, and ye shall find,

and all these things shall be  
knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you;  
o - pened un - to you;

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

*Refrain*

2

Al - - le - - lu - - ia,

al - - le - -

lu - - ia,

al - - le - - lu - - ia!

Al - - le - - lu,

al - - le - - lu - - ia!

A Reading from the Gospel According to St. Matthew:

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

BCP 230

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### A COLLECT FOR PEACE

BCP 99

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; 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: *Griff Kelly, Debbie-Sue Jackson, Cheryl Tudhope, Melanie Harris, Lou Ann Zimmerman, Joy Waldo, Doris Harrison, Kris and Doug Davenport, Dixie Ann Hanes, and David Harbeson.* For those who are homebound. For the safety of all those who serve abroad.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. For those celebrating birthdays: *Bobby Barnett, Elise Cardinal, Kathy McLendon, Brittney Kezer, Emerson Saunders, and James Grigg.* For those celebrating anniversaries: *Ray and Maurica Bourne.* 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: *Marjorie Sinclair and Stewart Walker*

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 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of  
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,  
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

## 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	The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor and Court Hooper
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor
Lector	Tab Carter
Musician	Vivian Vaiden
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 Leibel