

The Service of Morning Prayer

OPENING HYMN

Shall we gather at the river

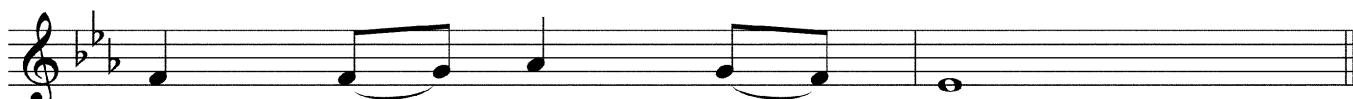
1. Shall we gather at the river,
 2. On the margin of the shining river,
 3. Ere we reach the shining river,
 4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,



Where bright angel feet have trod;
 Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 Soon our pil - grim-age will cease,



With its crys - tal tide for ev - er Flow - ing
 We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the
 Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro -
 Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the



by the throne of God?
 hap - py gold - en day.
 vide a robe and crown.
 mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gather - er at the riv - er, The



beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er; Gath - er with the saints at the



riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

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.**

VENITE Psalm 95:1-7

BCP 82

Officiant and People

**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!*

THE PSALM APPOINTED: PSALM 85:8-13

BCP 708

Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 85, to be read in unison.

*I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.*

*Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.*

*Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

*Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.*

*The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.*

*Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.*

THE FIRST LESSON

1 KINGS 19:9-18

A Reading from the First Book of Kings:

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left,

and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 10:5-15

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sure - ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place, I can

feel his might-y pow - er and his grace. I can

hear the brush of an-gel's wings, I see glo - ry on each face;

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

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A Reading from the Gospel According to St. Matthew:

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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.

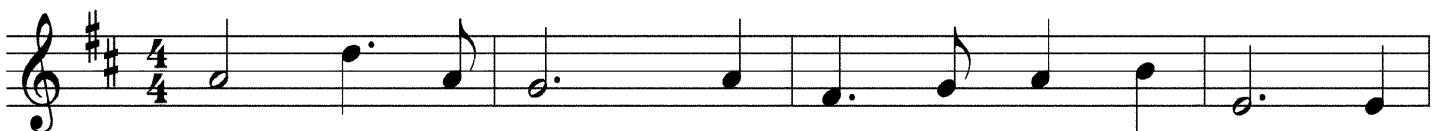
For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For those in need of healing: *George Anderson, Holly Pinheiro, Joy Waldo, and Scott Wiesniski.* For those with COVID-19: *David Anna, Teresa Williams, Nanette Johnson, Betty and Al Hanson, Karen, Bennie and his parents, Alan, Kristy, Blake and Madalyn Chavous.* 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: *Kenneth Miller, Lisa Abate, Jacob Rigdon, Ben Blake, Darlene Bourque, Lee Anna Maynard, and Elizabeth Hahn.* For those celebrating anniversaries: *Thomas and Ashley Saunders, Rex and Kelley Bell.* 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. And we especially pray for all those who have died from COVID-19 including: *Vince Hamm*

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.**



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where the Mas - ter trod, our
 2. Led on their way by this tri - um-phant sign, the
 3. Each new - born fol - l'wer of the Cru - ci - fied bears
 4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo-ri-ous tree, your
 5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise



D.C.

King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 hosts of God in con - quer ing ranks com - bine.
 on the brow the seal of him who died.
 death has bought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt.

Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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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

Lector Tab Carter

Musician Drs. Brad and Lucy Green

Live stream Mr. Thomas Saunders and Mr. William Liebel

VESTRY

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Mallory Halterman . Steven Hahn.

Tab Carter . Bill Leibel