

The Service of Morning Prayer

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877);
harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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.

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 139:1-11, 22-23

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Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 139, to be read in unison.

*Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.*

*You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

*Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.*

*You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.*

*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.*

*Where can I go then from your Spirit? **
where can I flee from your presence?

*If I climb up to heaven, you are there; **
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

*If I take the wings of the morning **
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

*Even there your hand will lead me **
and your right hand hold me fast.

*If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, **
and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you;
*the night is as bright as the day; **
darkness and light to you are both alike.

*Search me out, O God, and know my heart; **
try me and know my restless thoughts.

*Look well whether there be any wickedness in me **
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 28:10-19a

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you

and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place — and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:12-25

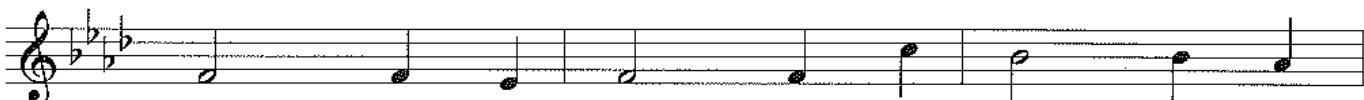
A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit, you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. And if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from



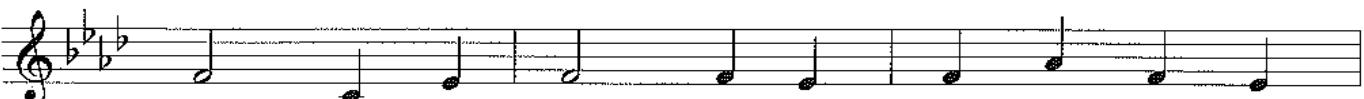
one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ



Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us



stored:
 land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
 pride:
 one:



love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are



Chris - tians by our love.

A Reading from the Gospel According to St. Matthew:

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor

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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Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

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 pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. For those celebrating birthdays: *Jennifer McDaniel, Knox Jones, Emma Gray, Robbie Jarrell, Ray Bourne, Steve Hahn, Stew Kremer, Griff Kelly, and Lou Scales*. For those celebrating anniversaries. For our partnership with Martinez Elementary School and The Claiborne at West Lake.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For those in need of healing: *Teresa Williams, Joy Waldo, Renee Edwards, Scott Wiesniski and Melanie Harris*. For those who are homebound. For the safety of all those who serve abroad.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially *Marlene Stachowiak*, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. For all who have died for the Christian Faith and for those who have persecuted them.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

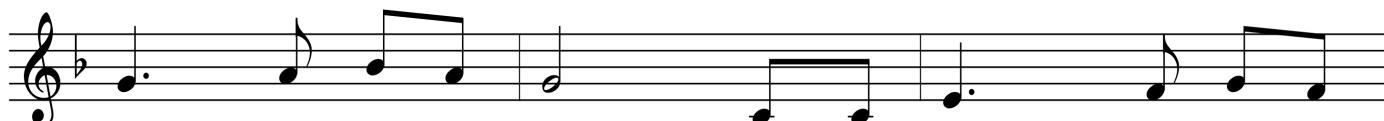
Officiant: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

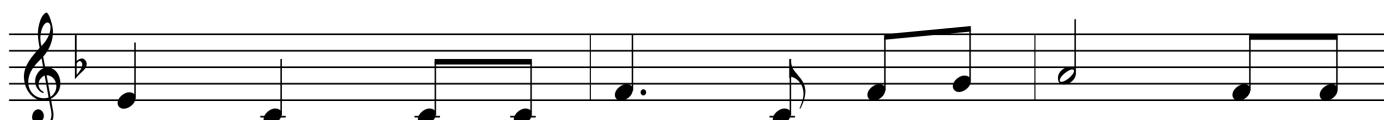
Hymn of promise



1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; In the
2. There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, Seek - ing
3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; In our



seed, an ap - ple tree; In co - coons, a hid - den
word and mel - o - dy; There's a dawn in ev - 'ry
time, in - fin - i - ty; In our doubt there is be -



prom - ise: But - ter - flies will soon be free! In the
dark - ness, Bring-ing hope to you and me. From the
liev - ing; In our life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our



cold and snow of win - ter There's a spring that waits to be,
past will come the fu - ture; What it holds, a mys - ter - y,
death, a res - ur - rec - tion; At the last, a vic - to - ry,



Un-re-vealed un-til its sea - son, Some-thing God a-lone can see.

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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
Lector	Elizabeth Hahn
Musician	Drs. Brad and Lucy Green
Live stream	Mr. Thomas Saunders and Mr. William Liebel
Dismissal	Finn and Lily Halterman

VESTRY

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

Mallory Halterman , Steven Hahn,

Tab Carter , Bill Liebel