



***Liturgy of the Hours***  
***The Ascension of Our Lord***  
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***We celebrate God's grace and share His love in Christ.***

## THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

*Adapted from the Virginia Synod, ELCA, Kairos Youth Event*

*An introduction, by the Rev. Dr. Dave Delaney:*

The early writings of the Christian Church bear witness to a prayer tradition that is rich with symbols anticipating Christ's second coming. Christians were always to be praying (I Thess. 5:17). Their struggle was not against human but spiritual forces that never slept (Ephes. 6:12). They knew neither the hour nor the day on which the Messiah would return (Matt. 25:13), and so they desired to fill the world with prayer at every hour of the day. The number, structure, names, and times associated with these prayer offices have changed throughout the centuries, but here is the pattern used at the Virginia Synod ELCA Kairos event, edited here for general use:

- Matins:        The first office of the day after rising from sleep.  
Lauds:        The morning office.  
Terce:        "tare - say" from Latin for 3<sup>rd</sup> hour = 9:00am.  
Sext:         from Latin for 6<sup>th</sup>, as in the 6th hour of the day = noon.  
None:        "noan" from Latin for 9<sup>th</sup> hour.  
Vespers:     the evening office  
Compline:    From Latin word for "to complete" - before bed.

### **A PRAYER UPON WAKING**

*A Morning Blessing, by Martin Luther, to be prayed before the day begins:*

God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, watch over me. Amen.

I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### **EARLY MORNING PRAYER: MATINS**

#### **DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY**

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.

## PSALMODY

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

## READINGS & REFLECTION

### GENESIS 1:1-2:3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land

Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to every-

thing that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, **but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

*A brief reflection may follow.*

### **PRAYERS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.*

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new. Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and  
forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

*Other thanksgivings may be added.*

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

*Other intercessions may be added.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Water may be poured as the leader gives thanks.*

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth. We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life. Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ; renew in us the living fountain of your grace; and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water.*

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

Our day of service now begins. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

## **MORNING PRAYER: LAUDS**

### **BENEDICTUS—THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH (LUKE 1:67-79)**

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

**for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.**

He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,

**as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,**

that we would be saved from our enemies

**and from the hand of all who hate us.**

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,

**and has remembered his holy covenant,**

the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

**to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,**

might serve him without fear,

**in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,**

to give knowledge of salvation to his people

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

By the tender mercy of our God,

**the dawn from on high will break upon us,**

to give light to those who sit in darkness

**and in the shadow of death,**

**to guide our feet into the way of peace.”**

### **PRAYER**

Let us pray. Gracious God: **we give thanks for all good gifts, especially for the gifts of this new day. Grant that we may begin it joyfully in your name and live it lovingly in service to you and our brothers and sisters. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

### **PSALM 118**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me?

The Lord is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate

me.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

All nations surrounded me; in the name of the Lord I cut them off!  
They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

They surrounded me like bees; they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me.

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.  
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.  
Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**



## **MID-MORNING PRAYER: TERCE**

### **PSALM 8**

*Prayed together:*

**O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen.**

*At this time, the leader or others may offer any additional prayers on behalf of the community.*

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Almighty God, grant to your Church your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and building up of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve you and in the confession of your name may abide to the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **MID-DAY PRAYER: SEXT**

### **PSALM 145**

*Read responsively:*

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Amen. I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.**

**Men:** *One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.*

**All:** **On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

*Women:*      *The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.*

*Men:*        *They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

**All:**        **The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

*Women:*      *All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.*

*Men:*        *They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

**All:**        **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

*Women:*      *The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.*

*Men:*        *You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.*

**All:**        **The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

*Women:*      *He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.*

*Men:*        *The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.*

**All:**        **My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever. Amen**

### **ROMANS 6:3-11**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the LORD

**Thanks be to God**

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. **Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all other who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen.**

For you are the light of our souls, O you who enlighten everyone who comes into the world, you who have mercy on us. Both now and forever, and unto the end of the age. **Amen.**

O Christ our God, **bless with a spiritual blessing the food and drink of your servants which we are about to receive, and make us healthy in soul and body; so that as we enjoy the food our bodies require in the modesty appropriate to our holy calling, we may share in your infinite blessings, and in the kingdom of heaven, together with your saints. So that in thanksgiving, we may glorify you, with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, now and always, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.**

Let us eat our meal in peace, which the Lord has given us as a gift.  
**Blessed is the Lord for all his gifts. Amen**

## **MID AFTERNOON PRAYER: NONE**

### **PSALM 25:1-10**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

*At this time, offer to God any additional prayers: thanksgivings along with prayers for your own needs and those of others around the world, and allow time to listen for God's word and presence.*

## **EVENING PRAYER: VESPERS**

*In lieu of Vespers, our evening worship will be a Service of Holy Communion.*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRELUDE** *Glorious* by MaMuse

### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence may be kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (See facing page)*

### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **WORD**

#### **ACTS 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his

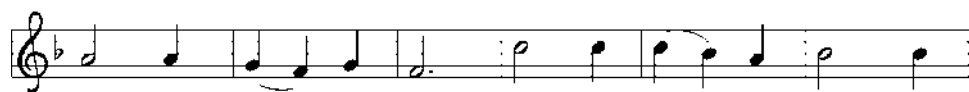
# Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus: his the sheep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus: his the sheep - ter.



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er. shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest. here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood,"  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (See facing page)*

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

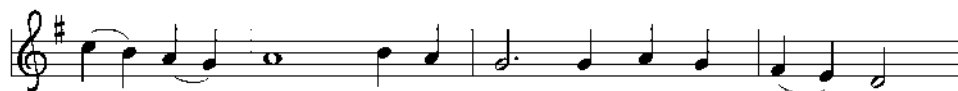
For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936. alt.

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For name/s and all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us | pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*A time of silence follows.*

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of name/s and all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord. **To you, O Lord.**

### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who enthroned forever at your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.**

Come to the Lord's Supper, for all is now ready. **Amen.**

## **COMMUNION HYMNS:**

### ***In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful***

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,*

*in the Lord I will rejoice!*

*Look to God, do not be afraid;*

*lift up your voices, the Lord is near;*

*lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*



## Beautiful Savior



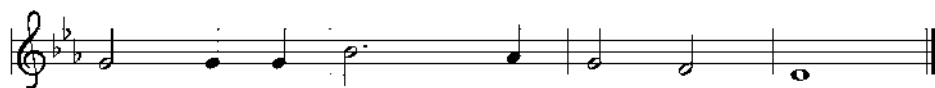
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs and of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU!, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

*Silence for reflection may follow the sharing of communion.*

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SENDING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: *Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way.



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - ling through this wil - der-ness,  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt., Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Canticle for Departure*, J. Rundman

## NIGHT PRAYER: COMPLINE

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**Amen.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**to sing praise to your name, O Most High,**  
to herald your love in the morning,  
**your truth at the close of the day.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination*

Holy and gracious God: **I confess that I have sinned against you this day.**

**Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in peace and rise in the morning to serve him.

## READINGS AND PRAYER

**You are in our midst, O Lord, and you have named us yours; do not forsake us, O Lord our God. (*Jer. 14:9*)**

**I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:6*)**

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

Be present O merciful God through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life, may find our rest in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

**Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people; a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. 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.**  
Guide us waking O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

## BLESSING

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

## **A PRAYER BEFORE SLEEPING**

*An Evening Blessing, written by Martin Luther,  
to be prayed as one prepares for bed:*

God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, watch over me. Amen.

I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously to protect me tonight. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.