

Celebrating God's Blessings
on
The United States of America



Sunday, July 5, 2023

Prelude

Entrance Hymn: 718

All Stand

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase, thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now, and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Remain standing

The Ten Commandments

Celebrant:

Hear the Ten Commandments that God gave his people through his servant Moses.

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

1. You shall have no other gods but me.
2. You shall not make for yourself any idol. You shall not bow down to them nor worship them.
3. You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and help us keep your laws.

Celebrant:

5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not commit murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.

8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not be a false witness
against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet anything that
belongs to your neighbor.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Write all your laws in our hearts,
and give the strength and desire to keep
them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing

O God, you have taught us to keep all
your commandments by loving you and
our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your
Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to
you with our whole heart, and united to
one another with pure affection; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O Lord God Almighty, in whose Name
the founders of this country won liberty
for themselves and for us, and lit the
torch of freedom for nations yet unborn:
Grant that all the people of this land may
have grace to maintain these liberties in
righteousness and peace; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. *Amen*

All are seated

*The Scriptures for the Day are found
on the insert.*

The Sermon

Hymn 680

O God, our help in ages past, our hope
for years to come, our shelter from the
stormy blast and our eternal home:

under the shadow of thy throne thy
saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is
thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth
received her frame, from everlasting
thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an
evening gone; short as the watch that
ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears
all our years away; they fly, forgotten, as
a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope
for years to come, be thou our guide
while life shall last, and our eternal
home.

The Nicene Creed

Said by all

We believe in one God, the Father, the
Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of
all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the
only Son of God, eternally begotten of
the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten,
not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made. For
us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven by the power of the Holy
Spirit he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our
sake he was crucified under Pontius

Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Reader: Let us pray for the Church
and for the World.

Please kneel, if you are able

Reader: 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.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: 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.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We commend to your gracious
care and keeping all the men and
women of our armed forces and all first
responders. Grant them a sense of your

abiding presence wherever they may be.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

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

Reader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who
suffer in body, mind or spirit especially
those we name before you now
_____;
give them courage
and hope in their troubles, and bring
them the joy of your salvation.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: 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.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the members of our
diocesan family currently being held in
immigration detention;
especially _____. may be treated
with dignity and respect.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We commend to your mercy all
who have died, that your will for them
may be fulfilled; and we pray that we
may share with all your
saints in your eternal kingdom.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us also pray for our Nation.

Remain kneeling

Hymn 716

God bless our native land; firm may she
ever stand through storm and night:
when the wild tempests rave, ruler of
wind and wave, do thou our country
save by thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise to God,
above the skies; on him we wait; thou
who art ever nigh, guarding with
watchful eye, to thee aloud we cry, God
save the state!

And not to us alone, but be thy mercies
known from shore to shore. Lord, make
the nations see that men should brothers
be and form one family the wide world
o'er.

Celebrant: Grant these our prayers, O
Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only
Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Confession

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our
sins against God and our neighbor.

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.*

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution

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.*

All stand

Priest: The peace of the Lord be
always with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Offertory Song

*Christy, please choose 1 really
uplifting song here. Thanks.*

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings
flow, praise him all creatures here
below, praise him above the heavenly
host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Censing of the Altar

*Christy, please choose another
one here.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to
the Lord our God

People: It is right to give him
thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to
you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven
and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our
voices with Angels and Archangels and
with all the company of heaven, who for
ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory
of your Name:

Sung by all

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.

Please kneel, if you are able

Holy and gracious Father: in your
infinite love you made us for yourself;
and, when we had fallen into sin and
become subject to evil and death, you, in
your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only
and eternal Son, to share our human
nature, to live and die as one of us, to
reconcile us to you, the God and Father
of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross,
and offered himself, in obedience to your
will, a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the
whole world.

On the night he was handed over to
suffering and death, our Lord Jesus

Christ took bread; and when he had
given thanks to you, he broke it, and
gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take,
eat: This is my body, which is given for
you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and
when he had given thanks, he gave it to
them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:
This is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for
the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you
drink it, do this for the remembrance of
me."

Therefore we proclaim the
mystery of faith:

All:

Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!

We celebrate the memorial of our
redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his
death, resurrection, and ascension, we
offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be
for your people the Body and Blood of
your Son, the holy food and drink of new
and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully
receive this holy Sacrament, and serve
you in unity, constancy, and peace; and
at the last day bring us with all your
saints into the joy of your eternal
kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus
Christ. By him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor

and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept after which the Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant gives the invitation to Communion saying,

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

****All kneel****

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with

gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All stand

Concluding Hymns and Prayers



The National Anthem: Hymn 720

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming, whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight, o'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. O say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand between their loved homes and the war's desolation! Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation! Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, and this be our motto, "In God is our trust." And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

The Pledge of Allegiance

All: I pledge allegiance to the Flag

of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands,
One Nation under God, Indivisible,
with Liberty and Justice for all.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

If you are able, please kneel

Almighty God, we humbly ask you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless this land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought together out of many races and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, in the day of trouble, do not let our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Benediction

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service. May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your souls. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn 719

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Postlude

