

## Collect, Scripture and Music

### Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### *A Reading from the book of Exodus [14:19-31]*

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. *The Word of the Lord*

### *Psalm 114*

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of  
strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*

O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like  
rams? \*

you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the  
Lord, \*

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of  
water \*

and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

### *A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome [14:1-12]*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every

knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So then, each of us will be accountable to God. *The Word of the Lord*

***The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [18:21-35]***

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.” *The Gospel of the Lord*

***Intercessory Response:*** We beseech you, O Lord..

Prayer list: Charlee, Bob, Phil, Donna, Kathleen, Kay, Emerita, Shirley, Ann+, Parker Jane, Elisa, Helen, Dick & Pat, Mary Ann, Eli, Cyndi, Robert and Bill

Music:

**Hymnal 390, Praise to the Lord, vs 1 & 2**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng,  
psaltery, organ and song,  
sounding in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth: borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how all thou needed hath been Granted in what he ordaineth?

**Hymnal 8 – Morning Has Broken**

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1 Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God’s re-creation of the new day

**Hymnal 679 – ©**

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1 Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear. For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near. So rejoice as you draw water from salvation’s living spring; in the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

2 Make his deeds known to the peoples; tell out his exalted Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might proclaim. Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell, in your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.

**Hymnal 529 – In Christ There is no East or West**

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1 In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate’er your race may be! Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North, all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.