

# Morning Prayer – Rite II

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### Opening Hymn: I come with joy, 304 Hymnal 1982

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see, and praise him here.

5 Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise.

## Opening Sentence

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

*BCP 79*

Let us 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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## The Invitatory

*BCP 80*

Lord, open our lips.

**And our 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 for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.

## The Venite, *Psalms 95:1-7*

*BCP 82*

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.  
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Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## **The First Lesson: Joshua 24;1-2a, 14-18**

*We read a lesson that is appointed for the day*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 34:15-22**

*We pray a psalm that is appointed for the day*

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*

and none will be punished who trust in him.

## **The Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20**

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sequence Hymn: Blessed Jesus, at thy word, 440 Hymnal 1982**

1 Blessèd Jesus, at thy word  
we are gathered all to hear thee;

let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear thee;  
by thy teachings pure and holy,  
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till thy Spirit breaks our night  
with the beams of truth unclouded;  
thou alone to God canst win us;  
thou must work all good within us.

3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart!  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
open thou our ears and heart,  
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;  
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

## **The Gospel: John 6:56-69**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man

ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Apostle's Creed**

*BCP 96*

**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.

## The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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 Suffrages

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Your saving health among all nations.**  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, our rector, our pastoral associate, our wardens and vestry, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those celebrating their birthday this week, especially, Sophia Donelan, Tom Mooney, Bruce Walker, Tosan Eweka, Matthew Seitz, Jessica Solon, Hannah Richardson, Kevin Lazo and Phillips Mousally, and for the anniversaries of Bill & Betsy Coffin and John & Theresa Wojnar.

I ask your prayers for all who are serving our country, at home or abroad, especially Christopher, Garrison, Richard, Stephen, Patrick, Esteban, Jeremy, Dan, Stewart, Wyatt, and Andrew.

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus, you told us that when we feed those who are hungry, we are actually feeding you; we pray for all those in our neighborhood, our county, and our world who are hungry. We ask you to bless the efforts of Curbing Hunger and the Giving Garden, that we might be inspired to raise and grow the food that is needed, so that there might be enough for all. In your holy Name we pray. **Amen.**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*BCP 101*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **Closing Hymn: Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, 530 Hymnal 1982**

1 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,  
spread the kingdom of the Lord,  
that to earth's remotest bound  
all may heed the joyful sound;

2 word of how the Father's will  
made the world, and keeps it, still;  
how his only Son he gave,  
earth from sin and death to save;

3 word of how the Savior's love  
earth's sore burden doth remove;  
how forever, in its need,

through his death the world is freed;

4 word of how the Spirit came  
bringing peace in Jesus' name;  
how his never-failing love  
guides us on to heaven above.

5 Word of life, most pure and strong,  
word for which the nations long,  
spread abroad, until from night  
all the world awakes to light.

## **Versicle/Response**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The flowers today are given in celebration of Emie on her 25th  
birthday,  
with love, Momma, Daddy & Katie*