

Morning Prayer



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Prelude: Fugue in G Major

J.S. Bach

Opening Sentence

Leader: God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

Opening Hymn: I Come With Joy

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

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

**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.**

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

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

Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God.

Leader and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

Leader: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People: And your glory all the day long.

All say together

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

All say together

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

3 For you are a great God,

you are great above all gods.

4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

5 The sea is yours, for you made it,

and your hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, bow down, and bend the knee,

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For you are our God,

and we the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

All say together

The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship.

Psalm 124

All say together

**1 If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;**

**2 If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;**

**3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;**

**4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;**

**5 Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.**

**6 Blessed be the Lord!
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

**7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

**8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

All say together

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Reader: A Reading from the First Epistle of Peter 3:14-22

Even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;

tender to me the promise of his word;

in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

his mercy sure, from age to age the same;

his holy Name – the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,

the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

to children's children and for evermore!

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus said, “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily

The Rt. Rev. Stephen T. Lane

Hymn: Gracious Spirit, Give Your Servants

**Gracious Spirit, give your servants joy to set sin's captives free,
hope to heal the broken-hearted, peace to share love's liberty.
Through us bring your balm of gladness to the wounded and oppressed;
help us claim and show God's favor as a people called and blessed.**

**Word made flesh, who gave up glory to become our great high priest,
taking on our human nature to redeem the last and least:
let your courage and compassion shape and guide our ministries;
as our Savior and our Shepherd, lead us to the truth that frees.**

**Loving God, who birthed creation from the nothingness of space,
kindling life where all was empty, turning chaos into grace:
when we feel confused and fruitless, dawn upon our restless night;
give us faith's imagination, hope's renewing, love's delight.**

**Triune God, eternal Being, never ending, un-begun,
boundless grace and perfect justice, righteous and forgiving One:
so enfold us in your mercy that our wills and yours unite;
through us may the world behold you, find your love, your truth, your light.**

The Apostles' Creed

Leader and People

**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 Prayers

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader and People

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Suffrages

Leader: Help us, O God our Savior;

People: **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

Leader: Look upon your congregation;

People: **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Leader: Declare your glory among the nations;

People: **And your wonders among all peoples.**

Leader: Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

People: **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Leader: Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

People: **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Leader: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

People: **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Ever-living God, we give thanks for the abundant life in our Diocese as we celebrate those baptized, confirmed, and received into the Episcopal Church. We celebrate and offer prayers of thanksgiving for the lives of those who have died since our last convention, who now live in your everlasting light. All this, we pray in the holy name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader: O God, by whose providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church: Grant that we who remember before you James Hannington and his companions, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom they gave obedience even to death, and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Leader: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, 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 by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect For the Diocese

Leader: O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop Stephen, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Leader and People

**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.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

All say together

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

Leader: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: We All Are One In Mission

**We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent, our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so people of all nations may feel God's warm embrace.**

**We all behold one vision, a stark reality;
the steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree.
Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share
free reconciliation and hope amid despair.**

**Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

Postlude: For All the Saints

Charles Callahan

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