



Diocese of the West Synod 2020

Morning Prayer

OPENING HYMN: “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” BY REGINALD HEBER, 1826

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Tho’ the darkness hide Thee, Tho’ the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*
People Amen

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord;**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded His ministers to pronounce to His people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe His holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please Him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATORY

Officiant O Lord, open our lips;
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
Officiant O God, make speed to save us;
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**
Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**
Officiant Praise the Lord.
People **The Lord's name be praised.**

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People **O come, let us adore Him.**

VENITE PSALM 95:1-7; 8-11

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving *
and show ourselves glad in Him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God *
and a great King above all gods.
In His hand are all the depths of the earth *
and the heights of the hills are His also.
The sea is His, and He made it, *
and His hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For He is our God, *
and we are the people of His pasture,
the flock that He shepherds.
Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts *
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.
When your fathers tested me, *
proved me, and saw my works.
Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, *
“It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways.”
Of whom I swore in my wrath *
that they should not enter into my rest.**

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People **O come, let us adore Him.**

PSALM 133

1. Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is * when brethren dwell together in unity
2. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, * even Aaron's beard, and went down to the edges of his clothing,
3. Like the dew of Hermon * which falls upon the hills of Zion.
4. For there the Lord promised his blessing * even life for evermore.

Reader Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
People **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Reader A reading from the 13th chapter of the 2nd book of the Kings
After the reading Here ends the Reading.
People **Thanks be to God**

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

**We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; *
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, *
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, *
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you. *
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. *
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, *
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory, *
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free *
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death *
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory. *
We believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people, *
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints *
to glory everlasting.**

Reader A reading from the 3rd chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the 4th verse.
After the reading Here ends the Reading.
People **Thanks be to God**

BENEDICTUS

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
He has come to His people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of His servant David.
Through His holy prophets He promised of old
that He would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember His holy covenant.
This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship Him without fear, *
holy and righteous in His sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,
To give His people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 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

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Officiant Lord, have mercy upon 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
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant O Lord, show Your mercy upon us;
People **And grant us Your salvation.**
Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;
People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Clothe Your ministers with righteousness;
People **And let Your people sing with joy.**
Officiant O Lord, save Your people;
People **And bless Your inheritance.**
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People **And defend us by Your mighty power.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And take not our Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in Your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which You have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR MISSION

O God, You have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent Your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after You and find You; bring the nations into Your fold; pour out Your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, You stretched out Your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of Your saving embrace: So clothe us in Your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know You to the knowledge and love of You; for the honor of Your Name. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**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. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, You have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications 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.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God our Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14