

DAILY MORNING PRAYER  
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OPENING SONG OF WORSHIP

*A Mighty Fortress- by Matt Boswell, Frederick Hedge, Martin Luther*

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing  
Our Helper He amidst the flood, of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide  
Our striving would be losing  
Were not the right Man on our side  
The Man of God's own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be, Christ Jesus it is He  
The Lord of hosts His name, from age to age the same  
And He must win the battle

Verse 3

And though this world with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell Him

Chorus 1

A mighty fortress a rock unfailing  
The King of Glory forever amen  
For endless ages enthroned in praises  
The King of Glory forever amen

Verse 4

That word above all earthly pow'rs  
No thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him Who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also  
The body they may kill God's truth abideth still  
His Kingdom is forever

## **Chorus 2**

**A mighty fortress a rock unfailing  
The King of Glory forever amen  
For endless ages enthroned in praises  
The King of Glory forever  
Forever amen.**

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## **INVOCATION**

*The Officiant and People pray:*

**“Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.”**

**Psalm 124:8**

## **SALUTATION**

Officiant: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:2

## **THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

Officiant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Officiant says to the People:*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*The Officiant and People pray:*

**“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.”

## ABSOLUTION

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

**People: The Lord's Name be praised.**

## 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, for 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,**  
**and the sheep of his hand.**

## THE PSALM OR PSALMS APPOINTED

*At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said*

**Glory be 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.**

## THE LESSONS

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After each lesson the Reader may say*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTUS - LUKE 1:68-79

*The Song of Zechariah*

**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 will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together:*

**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 also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and People:*

**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 restore to us the joy of Your salvation**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, on this day, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

#### A COLLECT FOR THE TRUE CIRCUMCISION OF THE SPIRIT

Almighty God, who made your blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man: Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey your blessed will; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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*He Will Hold Me Fast- by Keith Getty*

**When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.**

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

**Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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## SERMON

### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant 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.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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## CLOSING SONG

*Ancient of Days- by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren & Jesse Reeves*

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains:  
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone  
O His love is sure, and He knows my name  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King  
Then my joy complete standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days  
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## **BENEDICTION**

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21