

DAILY MORNING PRAYER  
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OPENING SONG OF WORSHIP

*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.

Songwriters: Ada Habershon  
Music: Robert Harkness

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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.

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, \*  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.  
Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, \*  
It is a people that 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.

#### 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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 PEACE

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of 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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*Holy, Holy, Holy- Reginald Heber*

**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!**

**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 shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**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!**

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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

*I Desire Jesus - by Ligertwood Scott Ross*

**I desire Jesus  
Precious Lamb who ransomed me  
Upon the cross He took my sin  
And by His blood has set me free**

**I desire Jesus  
Oh His Name my soul esteem  
For upon His thorn-scarred brow  
Is the crown of victory**

**He is worthy of all honor  
All glory to His Name  
He alone deserves our highest praise  
And forever He will reign**

I desire Jesus  
Triumphant One the earth awaits  
For on that day the earth will shine  
With the glory of Your Name

You are all glorious  
You are all glorious  
My heart leans in  
My soul must sing  
You are all glorious

I desire Jesus  
Precious Lamb who ransomed me  
Unto You an offering  
Will my life forever be

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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