

# MORNING PRAYER: RITE I ~ DECEMBER 13, 2020

THE PRELUDE Elegy George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

THE INTROIT Make Me a Channel of Your Peace arr. Martin Neary (b. 1940)

THE OPENING HYMN 10 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry *Winchester New*

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh.  
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin: make straight the way of God within,  
And let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;  
Without thy grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent dost thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*Kneeling, officiant and people together*)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy 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. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER (*Standing*)

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips. *People* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

CANTICLE, HYMN 651 *Jubilate Deo* E.G. Monk

1. O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. 2. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. 3. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
4. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 5. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PSALM 126 (*Standing, read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD overturned the captivity of Zion, then were we like those who dream. <sup>2</sup> **Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy.** <sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." <sup>4</sup> **Indeed, the LORD has done great things for us already, whereof we rejoice.** <sup>5</sup> Overturn our captivity, LORD, as when streams refresh the deserts of the south. <sup>6</sup> **Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.** <sup>7</sup> He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him. **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *After the reading:* The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Isaiah 65:17-25

CANTICLE, HYMN 4 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers! *Greenland*

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers! And let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh; up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.
2. See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil; look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.  
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near; go meet him as he cometh, with alleluias clear.
3. O wise and holy virgins, now raise your voices higher, until in songs of triumph ye meet the angel choir.  
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand; rise up, ye heirs of glory! The bridegroom is at hand.
4. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, thou Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption and every be with thee!

THE SECOND LESSON *After the reading:* The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** John 3:22-30

## THE SERMON HYMN

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

*St. Leonards*

1. May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.
2. May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.
3. May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in ev'rything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea. Him exalting, self abasing: This is victory.
5. May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

## THE SERMON

*He Must Increase*

The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Standing, said by all*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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. **And with thy spirit.** *All kneeling, officiant and people pray in the words of The Lord's Prayer.*

## THE SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; **and grant us thy salvation.** Endue thy ministers with righteousness; **and make thy chosen people joyful.** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **for only in thee can we live in safety.** Lord, keep this nation under thy care; **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.** Let thy way be known upon earth; **thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, A COLLECT FOR PEACE, A COLLECT FOR GRACE

*The officiant leads the congregation in several brief prayers, saying, "Lord, in your mercy." The people respond, "Hear our prayer."*

## A COLLECT IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS AND MORTALITY (1928 Book of Common Prayer)

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (*Remaining kneeling, all in unison*)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM (*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**)

## CHORAL OFFERING

Creation Will Be At Peace

Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

## THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 1 (S. 1)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*Stuttgart*

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

## THE CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

## THE CLOSING HYMN 261

O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling

*Tidings*

1. O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light;  
That he who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.  
*Refrain:* Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.
2. Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:  
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation, and died on earth that man might live above. *Refrain*
3. Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious; give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
Pour out thy soul for them in pray'r victorious till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day. *Refrain*
4. He comes again! O Zion, ere thou meet him, make known to every heart his saving grace;  
Let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet him, through thy neglect, unfit to see his face. *Refrain*

THE DISMISSAL (*The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*)

## THE POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor, BWV 578

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)