

# MORNING PRAYER: RITE I ~ AUGUST 9, 2020

THE PRELUDE

Air in F

George F. Handel

THE INTROIT

Our Father, Thou In Heav'n Alone

J.S. Bach

THE OPENING HYMN 479

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Hyfrydol*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder love and praise.

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 607

*Venite, exultemus Domino*

R. Tomlinson

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 corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is 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 the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.  
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 99 (*Standing, read in unison*)

<sup>1</sup> *The LORD is King; let the peoples tremble; he sits between the cherubim; let the earth shake.* <sup>2</sup> *The LORD is great in Zion and high above all peoples. They shall give thanks unto his Name, which is great and wonderful; holy is he and mighty, a King who loves justice.* <sup>4</sup> *You have established equity; you have executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.* <sup>5</sup> *O magnify the LORD our God, and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.* <sup>6</sup> *Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, they called upon the LORD, and he heard them.* <sup>7</sup> *He spoke to them out of the cloudy pillar, for they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.* <sup>8</sup> *You heard them, O LORD our God; you forgave them, O God, yet punished their evildoings.* <sup>9</sup> *O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his holy hill, for the LORD our God is holy. 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.**

Romans 13:8-14

CANTICLE

Prayer of St. Francis  
Esther Williams, *soprano*

Allen Pote

## THE SERMON HYMN

God Is Love, Let Heavens Adore Him

*Abbots' Leigh*

God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is love, let earth rejoice;  
 Let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.  
 God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens above,  
 God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace:  
 With unailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.  
 And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,  
 Then we find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,  
 God's eternal loving-kindness guides us through our earthly strife.  
 Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;  
 God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

## THE SERMON

*Repaying the Debt*

The Rev. Jeffrey S. Miller

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

Blessed Be the God and Father

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Esther Williams, *soprano*; Rachel Murphy, *alto*; Dan Fogle, *bass*

## THE DOXOLOGY AND PATRIOTIC HYMN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *continuing with*

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.  
 Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
 Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

THE CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN 769

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Hymn To Joy*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise:  
Field and forest, vale and mountains, blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;  
Father-love is reigning o'er us, brother-love binds man to man.  
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music lifts us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE POSTLUDE

Fuga in C

Johann Pachelbel