

Morning Prayer: Thursday, November 5, 2020

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 The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All **Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Psalm 71

¹In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

²In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;
turn your ear to me and save me.

³Be my rock of refuge,
to which I can always go;
give the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

⁵For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,
my confidence since my youth.

⁶From birth I have relied on you;
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.
I will ever praise you.

⁷I have become a sign to many;
you are my strong refuge.

⁸My mouth is filled with your praise,
declaring your splendor all day long.

- ⁹ Do not cast me away when I am old;
do not forsake me when my strength is gone.
- ¹⁰ For my enemies speak against me;
those who wait to kill me conspire together.
- ¹¹ They say, "God has forsaken him;
pursue him and seize him,
for no one will rescue him."
- ¹² Do not be far from me, my God;
come quickly, God, to help me.
- ¹³ May my accusers perish in shame;
may those who want to harm me
be covered with scorn and disgrace.
- ¹⁴ As for me, I will always have hope;
I will praise you more and more.
- ¹⁵ My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds,
of your saving acts all day long—
though I know not how to relate them all.
- ¹⁶ I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord;
I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.
- ¹⁷ Since my youth, God, you have taught me,
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.
- ¹⁸ Even when I am old and gray,
do not forsake me, my God,
till I declare your power to the next generation,
your mighty acts to all who are to come.
- ¹⁹ Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens,
you who have done great things.
Who is like you, God?
- ²⁰ Though you have made me see troubles,
many and bitter,
you will restore my life again;
from the depths of the earth
you will again bring me up.
- ²¹ You will increase my honor
and comfort me once more.

²² I will praise you with the harp
for your faithfulness, my God;
I will sing praise to you with the lyre,
Holy One of Israel.

²³ My lips will shout for joy
when I sing praise to you—
I whom you have delivered.

²⁴ My tongue will tell of your righteous acts
all day long,
for those who wanted to harm me
have been put to shame and confusion.

All Glory 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.

Reading

The New Testament reading

A reading from Luke Luke 15: 1-10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins^[a] and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

After the reading the reader says,

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle

A Song of Wisdom

All **Send Wisdom forth from your holy heavens;
from the throne of your glory
send what is pleasing to you.**

- 1 O God of our ancestors and Lord of mercy, ♦
you have made all things by your word.
- 2 By your wisdom you have formed us ♦
to have dominion over the creatures you have made;
- 3 To rule the world in holiness and righteousness ♦
and to pronounce judgement in uprightness of soul.
- 4 Give us the Wisdom that sits by your throne; ♦
do not reject us from among your servants,
- 5 For we are your servants, ♦
with little understanding of judgement and laws.
- 6 Even one who is perfect among us ♦
will be regarded as nothing
without the wisdom that comes from you.
- 7 With you is Wisdom, she who knows your works, ♦
and was present when you made the world.
- 8 She understands what is pleasing in your sight ♦
and what is right according to your commandments.
- 9 Send her forth from the holy heavens, ♦

from the throne of your glory send her.

10 That she may labour at our side ♦

and that we may learn what is pleasing to you.

11 For she knows and understands all things, ♦

she will guide us wisely in our actions

and guard us with her glory.

Wisdom 9.1-5a,c,6,9-11

All **Glory to the Source of all Being, the Eternal Word and Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers are offered in a period of silence.

Lord's Prayer

Officiant Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant Lord, when we open our hands and hearts to the poor,
your kingdom is at hand.

Remind us that there is always enough to give to those in need.

Make us generous today with the good that you have entrusted to us.
Amen

Officiant May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you
People **wherever he may send you.**

Officiant May he guide you through the wilderness;
People **protect you through the storm;**

Officiant May he bring you home rejoicing;
People **at the wonders he has shown you;**

Officiant May he bring you home rejoicing
People **once more to our doors.**