

# Morning Prayer: Friday, November 27, 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 16

<sup>1</sup>Keep me safe, my God,  
for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup>I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
apart from you I have no good thing."

<sup>3</sup>I say of the holy people who are in the land,  
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."

<sup>4</sup>Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.  
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods  
or take up their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup>Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
you make my lot secure.

<sup>6</sup>The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup>I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup>I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,

<sup>10</sup>because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful<sup>[b]</sup> one see decay.

<sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life;

*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 Matthew                      Matthew 9: 27-31

Jesus Heals the Blind and the Mute

<sup>27</sup> As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

<sup>28</sup> When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

"Yes, Lord," they replied.

<sup>29</sup> Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you";

<sup>30</sup> and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." <sup>31</sup> But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

*After the reading the reader says,*

The word of the Lord.

*People*                      **Thanks be to God.**

## Benedictus

1 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :  
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;

2 And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :  
in the house of his servant David;

3 As he spoke by the mouth of his holy Prophets :  
which have been since the world began;

4 That we should be saved from our enemies :  
and from the hands of all that hate us;

5 To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :  
and to remember his holy covenant;

6 To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham :  
that he would give us,

7 That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :  
might serve him without fear,

8 In holiness and righteousness before him :  
all the days of our life.

9 And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

10 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :  
for the remission of their sins;

11 Through the tender mercy of our God :  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

12 To give light to them that sit in darkness,  
and in the shadow of death :  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:68-79

*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** Let us bless the Lord. Alleluiah!

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluiah!