

Morning Prayer: Thursday Jan 7, 2021

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 114

¹When Israel came out of Egypt,
Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,

²Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

³The sea looked and fled,
the Jordan turned back;

⁴the mountains leaped like rams,
the hills like lambs.

⁵Why was it, sea, that you fled?
Why, Jordan, did you turn back?

⁶Why, mountains, did you leap like rams,
you hills, like lambs?

⁷Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸who turned the rock into a pool,
the hard rock into springs of water.

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 Mark 6: 30-44 Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught.

³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late.

³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸ "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass.

⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.

⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all.

⁴² They all ate and were satisfied,

⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.

⁴⁴The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

After the reading the reader says,

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice, ♦
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.

2 They shall see the glory of the Lord, ♦
the majesty of our God.

3 Strengthen the weary hands, ♦
and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not,
your God is coming with judgement, ♦
coming with judgement to save you.'

5 Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, ♦
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 Then shall the lame leap like a hart, ♦
and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.

7 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, ♦
and streams in the desert;

8 The ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing, ♦
with everlasting joy upon their heads.

9 Joy and gladness shall be theirs, ♦
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35.1, 2b-4a, 4c-6, 10

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!