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# Morning Prayer in the Season after Pentecost

## LIVING WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER: THE COMMUNITY OBEDIENCE

**Here, and in all your churches throughout the world, we adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world. Amen.**

### Day Twenty-Two - The First Note

#### *Humility*

We always keep before us the example of Christ, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and who, on the last night of his life, humbly washed his disciples' feet. We likewise seek to serve one another with humility.

#### *Silence*

**God, we give you thanks for the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis. Grant, we pray, that being knit together in community and prayer, we your servants may glorify your holy name after the example of Saint Francis, and win others to your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, without you our labor is wasted, but with you all who are weak can find strength: pour your Spirit on the Society of Saint Francis; give your laborers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success on earth and the joy of serving you in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**May our blessed Lady pray for us.**

**May Saint Francis pray for us.**

**May Saint Clare pray for us.**

**May all the saints of the Third Order pray for us.**

**May all the holy angels watch over us and befriend us.**

**May the Lord Jesus give us his blessing and his peace. Amen.**

## THE PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Blessèd are you, Sovereign God, creator of all;

To you be glory and praise for ever!

You founded the earth in the beginning

And the heavens are the work of your hands.

As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us,

Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts

and your praises ever be on our lips,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessèd be God for ever!**

God comes to set us free:

**O come, let us worship.**

**THE OPENING CANTICLE:**

*Psalm 67*

May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.  
The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.  
**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.**

**THE OPENING PRAYER**

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
Let us pray with one heart and mind;  
(*A moment of silence is kept.*)

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day  
So may the light of your presence, O God,  
Set our heart on fire with love for you;  
Now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE PSALM 83**

O God, do not be silent; \*  
do not keep still nor hold your peace, O God;  
For your enemies are in tumult, \*  
and those who hate you have lifted up their heads.

They take secret counsel against your people \*  
and plot against those whom you protect.  
They have said, "Come, let us wipe them out from among the nations; \*  
let the name of Israel be remembered no more."

They have conspired together; \*  
 they have made an alliance against you:  
 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; \*  
 the Moabites and the Hagarenes;

Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; \*  
 the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.  
 The Assyrians also have joined them, \*  
 and have come to help the people of Lot.

Do to them as you did to Midian, \*  
 to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:  
 They were destroyed at Endor; \*  
 they became like dung upon the ground.

Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeëb, \*  
 and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna,  
 Who said, "Let us take for ourselves \*  
 the fields of God as our possession."

O my God, make them like whirling dust \*  
 and like chaff before the wind;  
 Like fire that burns down a forest, \*  
 like the flame that sets mountains ablaze.

Drive them with your tempest \*  
 and terrify them with your storm;  
 Cover their faces with shame, O Lord, \*  
 that they may seek your Name.

Let them be disgraced and terrified for ever;  
 let them be put to confusion and perish.  
 Let them know that you, whose Name is Yahweh, \*  
 you alone are the Most High over all the earth.

**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.**

#### **LECTIO DIVINA** *Luke 20:41-21:4*

Then Jesus said to them, 'How can they say that the Messiah is David's son? For David himself says in the book of Psalms, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'" David thus calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?' In the hearing of all the people he said to the disciples, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will re-

ceive the greater condemnation.' He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.'

### LISTENING FOR CHRIST THE WORD

- One person reads aloud the passage of scripture, as others listen for the word or phrase that is especially meaningful for them.
- Silence for two minutes.
- Each person hears and silently repeats a word or a phrase that has attracted them.
- Sharing aloud, each may make a single sentence statement of the word or phrase that has attracted them. No elaboration.

### HOW CHRIST THE WORD SPEAKS TO ME

- Second Reading of the same passage by another person.
- Silence for two minutes reflecting on "How does the content of this reading touch my life today?"
- Share aloud, briefly, beginning with "I hear. . ." or "I see. . ."

### WHAT CHRIST THE WORD IS INVITING ME TO DO

- Third Reading of the same passage by another person
- Silence for two minutes reflecting on "I believe that God wants me to . . . today/during this convocation."
- Sharing aloud the result of each person's reflection. Be especially aware of what is shared by the person on your right.
- After sharing, pray in turn, for the person on your right.
- Important note: Anyone may say "pass" at any time. If instead of sharing with the group you prefer to pray silently, simply state this aloud and conclude your silent prayer with "Amen."

### THE PRAYERS

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,

Who wonderfully created us in your own image in your Son Jesus Christ:

Grant that, as he came to share our human nature, so we may be partakers of his divine glory;

Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray in faith and trust:

**Our Father, who art in heaven. . .**

**THE CONCLUSION**

**All: The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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# A Eucharist for Healing

*The service begins in silence.*

## SALUTATION

Blessed be the God of all Healing, Loving Parent, Compassionate Brother and Spirit of Wisdom Herself.  
**And blessed be the Peaceable Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## A CALL TO CONFESSION

*--Steven Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive Church, propers for the Trinity*

You are the never-ceasing open gift of love; we turn in upon ourselves;

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

You live beyond all centres of power; we enclose your grace.

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

You rejoice in a multitude of names; we try to pin you down.

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

**HYMN OF PRAISE AND GLORY** "Come down, O Love Divine," #516, Hymnal 1982

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

**COLLECT**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, from whose gentle hands none can snatch us away: give us faith to believe that we are known and loved with a passion strong enough to bring the whole world back to you, through Jesus Christ, who is one with the source of life. **Amen.**

*--Steven Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive Church, Collect for Easter 4, Year C*

**FIRST LESSON - 2 KINGS 5:1-14**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

**PSALM 103: 1-5 - in unison:**

*Benedic, anima mea*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**SECOND LESSON** *James 5:14-16*

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

**ALLELUIA**

*Unison*

Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

**THE GOSPEL** *Matthew 8:1-16*

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Then Jesus said to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralysed, in terrible distress.' And he said to him, 'I will come and cure him.' The centurion answered, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, 'Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go; let it be done for you according to your faith.' And the servant was healed in that hour. When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were possessed by demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and cured all who were sick.

**HOMILY** *The Rt. Rev. Celso Franco de Oliveira, TSSF*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: A COMPASSION PRACTICE FOR ALL BEINGS**

In the Compassion Practice, one says these words,

"I can feel this suffering. May this suffering cease. May the light of understanding and love dispel the

darkness of sorrow and regret. May this suffering cease. May this suffering cease. "

Starting with yourself, you send this energy in these 9 directions:

"I can feel my suffering. May this suffering cease..."

"I can feel my spiritual mentors' suffering..."

"I can feel my friends' suffering..."

"I can feel my special loved one's suffering..."

"I can feel the suffering of a complete stranger..."

"I can feel the suffering of the person I like the least..."

"I can feel the suffering of all of these people, all at the same time..."

"I can feel the suffering of all humans, all at the same time..."

"I can feel the suffering of all beings, everything in the kosmos..."

"I can feel this suffering. May this suffering cease. May the light of understanding and love dispel the darkness of sorrow and regret. May this suffering cease. May this suffering cease. "

## THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

*All who desire prayers for healing may go to one of the healing stations.  
During the laying on of hands, all may sing from the following hymns:*

### "There is a balm in Gilead"

	<i>There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.</i>	2	If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, And say He died for all. <i>Refrain</i>
1	Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain, But then the holy spirit Revives my soul again. <i>Refrain</i>	3	Don't ever be discouraged For Jesus is your friend, And if you lack for knowledge, He'll ne'er refuse to lend. <i>Refrain</i>

**"My faith looks up to thee"**

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| 1 | My faith looks up to thee,<br>thou Lamb of Calvary,<br>Savior divine!<br>Now hear me while I pray,<br>take all my guilt away;<br>O let me from this day<br>be wholly thine. | 2 | May thy rich grace impart<br>strength to my fainting heart,<br>my zeal inspire;<br>as thou hast died for me,<br>O may my love to thee<br>pure, warm, and changeless be,<br>a living fire. |
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**#470 "There's a wideness in God's mercy,"**

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| 1 | There's a wideness in God's mercy<br>like the wideness of the sea;<br>there's a kindness in his justice,<br>which is more than liberty.<br>There is welcome for the sinner,<br>and more graces for the good;<br>there is mercy with the Savior;<br>there is healing in his blood. | 2 | There is no place where earth's sorrows<br>are more felt than up in heaven;<br>there is no place where earth's failings<br>have such kindly judgment given.<br>There is plentiful redemption<br>in the blood that has been shed;<br>there is joy for all the members<br>in the sorrows of the Head. |
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**#671 Amazing Grace**

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| 1 | Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,<br>that saved a wretch like me!<br>I once was lost but now am found,<br>was blind but now I see.          | 4 | Through many dangers, toils, and snares,<br>I have already come;<br>'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,<br>and grace will lead me home.     |
| 2 | 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,<br>and grace my fears relieved;<br>how precious did that grace appear<br>the hour I first believed! | 5 | When we've been there ten thousand years,<br>bright shining as the sun,<br>we've no less days to sing God's praise<br>than when we'd first begun. |
| 3 | The Lord has promised good to me,<br>his word my hope secures;<br>he will my shield and portion be<br>as long as life endures.                |   |   |

**INVITATION TO THE PEACE**

The peace of the Trinity is uproar and colour, dissent and challenge, wandering and exile, invitation and inclusion, drawing our bodies and spirits into the riotous harmony of God.

--Steven Shakespeare, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church, propers for the Trinity*)

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** "Heal me, hands of Jesus," #773, *Wonder, Love and Praise*

1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re-  
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit-ter-ness a-way; let  
 3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis-  
 4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx-i-e-ty shall cease and

store my hope, re-move my fear and bring me peace a-gain.  
 me for-give as one for-given and bring me peace to-day.  
 pel the mem-o-ries of guilt, and bring me peace with-in.  
 heaven's se-ren-i-ty be mine, for Je-sus brings me peace!

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1** --Steven Shakespeare, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

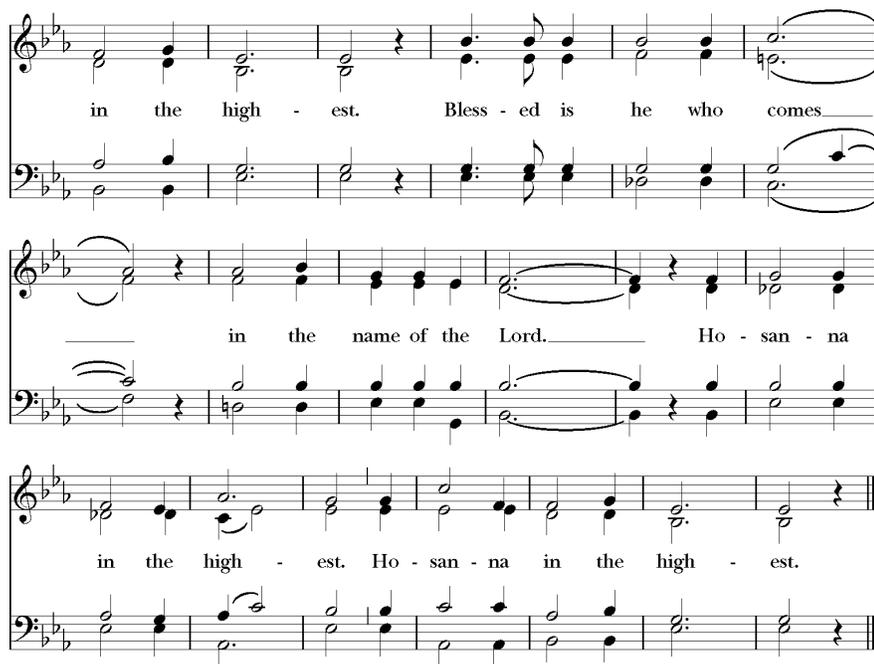
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life. You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world; he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.

Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of hour praise:

**"HOLY, HOLY HOLY"** *Schubert Sanctus, #S-130, The Hymnal 1982*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ, who, on the night he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

**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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the ills of the world  
**Blessed are all who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.**

## THE COMMUNION

*During Communion, all may sing from the following hymns:*

### Taizé song, "Eat this bread"

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

### Taizé song, "Jesus, remember me,"

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

### #711 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God,"

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| 1 | Seek ye first the kingdom of God<br>and his righteousness,<br>and all these things shall be added unto you<br>- Allelu, alleluia      | 3 | We do not live by bread alone,<br>but by ev'ry word<br>that proceeds from the mouth of God.<br>Allelu, alleluia! |
| 2 | Ask and it shall be given unto you,<br>seek and you shall find;<br>knock and the door shall be opened unto<br>you – Allelu, alleluia! |   |  |

## COMMUNION HYMN – "Ubi Caritas," traditional Latin

U-bi ca-ri-tas et a - mor, u-bi ca-ri-tas De-us i - bi est.

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**God revealed in the stranger's approach and the bread of hospitality, in the message of new life and the laughter of response: we thank you for this meal, this sharing in yourself, and we pray that our communion might be broken apart for the world. Amen.**

*--Steven Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive Church, propers for the Trinity*

**BLESSING**

May the outrageous welcome of the Father accept us for who we are; may the incarnation of the Word touch and hold us close; may the wandering of the Spirit help us risk ourselves for love; and the blessing of God the Dance, Creating, Healing and Interconnecting, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

--Steven Shakespeare, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church, propers for the Trinity*

**CLOSING HYMN** "Come, thou fount of every blessing," #686, Hymnal 1982

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth into the world for the healing of the Nations.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# An Order for Compline

*The Officiant begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

*Officiant*        Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
*People*            **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

*Amen.*

*Officiant*        O God, make speed to save us.

*People*            O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

**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. Alleluia.**

## PSALM 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."

He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.

He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
 nor of the arrow that flies by day;  
 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
 nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, \*  
 but it shall not come near you.  
 Your eyes have only to behold \*  
 to see the reward of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, \*  
 and the Most High your habitation,  
 There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
 neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
 to keep you in all your ways.  
 They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
 lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
 you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.  
 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; \*  
 I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
 I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.  
 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
 and show him my salvation.

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.

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PRAYERS

*Leader*        Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;  
*People*        **For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**  
*Leader*        Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;  
*People*        **Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

*Leader* Lord, have mercy.  
*People* **Christ, have mercy.**  
*Leader* Lord, have mercy.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Said by 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.**

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer;  
*People* **And let our cry come to you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

## THE SONG OF SIMEON

*Said by all*

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
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.**

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

## THE CONCLUSION

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant concludes*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*