

MORNING PRAYER

MAY 29, 2020

I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL

Verse 1

When the morning falls
On the farthest hill
I will sing His name
I will praise Him still

Verse 2

When dark trials come
And my heart is filled
With the weight of doubt
I will praise Him still

Chorus

For the Lord our God
He is strong to save
From the arms of death
From the deepest grave
And He gave us life
In His perfect will
And by His good grace
I will praise Him still

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Today's service observes the liturgy of Morning Prayer (pp. 11-26) from the [The Book of Common Prayer - 2019](#).

Officiant: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Psalm 51:9

CONFESSION OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

People: Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your 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;

and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises

declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of

our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's Name be praised.

SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE WILLS TO BE FOUND

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

PSALM 34

- ¹ I will always give thanks unto the Lord;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- ² My soul shall make its boast in the Lord;
the humble shall hear this and be glad.
- ³ O praise the Lord with me,
and let us magnify his Name together.
- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he heard me;
he delivered me out of all my fears.
- ⁵ They looked unto him, and were made glad,
and their faces were not ashamed.
- ⁶ Look, the poor man cries, and the Lord hears him,
and saves him out of all his troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord camps round about those who fear him,
and delivers them in time of need.
- ⁸ O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;
blessed is the one who trusts in him.
- ⁹ O fear the Lord, you that are his saints;
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ The lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord shall lack nothing that is good.
- ¹¹ Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- ¹² Who among you desires to live,
and longs to see good days?
- ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking lies.
- ¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayers.
- ¹⁶ The countenance of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ The Lord is near to those who are brokenhearted
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.
- ¹⁹ Great are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.
- ²⁰ He keeps all his bones,
so that not one of them is broken.
- ²¹ But evil shall slay the ungodly,
and those who hate the righteous shall be desolate.
- ²² The Lord delivers the souls of his servants,
and all those who put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

cont.

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Officiant: Lord have mercy upon us.

People: Christ have mercy upon us.

Officiant: Lord have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People: And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: And let your people sing with joy.

Officiant: O Lord, save your people;

People: And bless your inheritance.

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: And defend us by your mighty power.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECTS

You have seen, O Lord; be not silent! O Lord, be not far from our cry!
Awake and rouse yourself for the vindication of the innocent and for
the cause of all who suffer unjustly. Let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Bring the guilty to
repentance; and as you alone bring light out of darkness, and good

out of evil, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit they may be set free from the chains of sin, and brought to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amos 5:24; Ps. 34:22-23; BCP 2019, Occasional Prayers – p. 664.

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, Minneapolis and St. Paul. Renew the ties of mutual regard that form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Deliver us from poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find, together with one another, the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR (PSALM 34)

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Blessed be the Lord.

Verse 1

I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord,
For He hears the cry of the poor.

Verse 2

Let the lowly hear and be glad:
the Lord listens to their pleas;
and to hearts broken, God is near,
For He hears the cry of the poor.

Verse 3

Every spirit crushed, He will save;
He will give ransom for their lives;
He will be safe shelter for their fears,
For He hears the cry of the poor.

Verse 4

We proclaim your greatness, O God.
Your praise ever in our mouths;
Every face brightened in Your light,
For You hear the cry of the poor.

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A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

All: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Romans 15:13