

# MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

*Lent IV*

**Prelude:** Voluntary "Our Father in Heaven" David N. Johnson

**Gathering Hymn:** *Please see page 5* "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*Officiant:* Grace to you and peace, from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

*Mark 8:34*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.***

***We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.***

***We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.***

***For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*The Priest alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

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

*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 forever. Amen.***

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

***Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

***In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.***

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

***Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.***

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**The Psalm 1** *(please read responsively by verse)*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 ***Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \****  
***and they meditate on his law day and night.***
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 ***It is not so with the wicked; \****  
***they are like chaff which the wind blows away.***
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright  
when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 ***For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \****  
***but the way of the wicked is doomed.***

*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 forever. Amen.**

**The Psalm Prayer**

**The Lesson: John 14:1-10**

A Reading from the Gospel of John.

*Officiant:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Meditation** - *“I AM the way, and the truth, and the life.”*

**Hymn:** *Please see page 6*

**“You Are the Way”**

**The Canticle - The Second Song of Isaiah**

*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.

*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 forever. Amen.*

**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 power of 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,*

*the communion of saints,*

*the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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,*

*for ever and ever. Amen.*

**The Suffrages**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

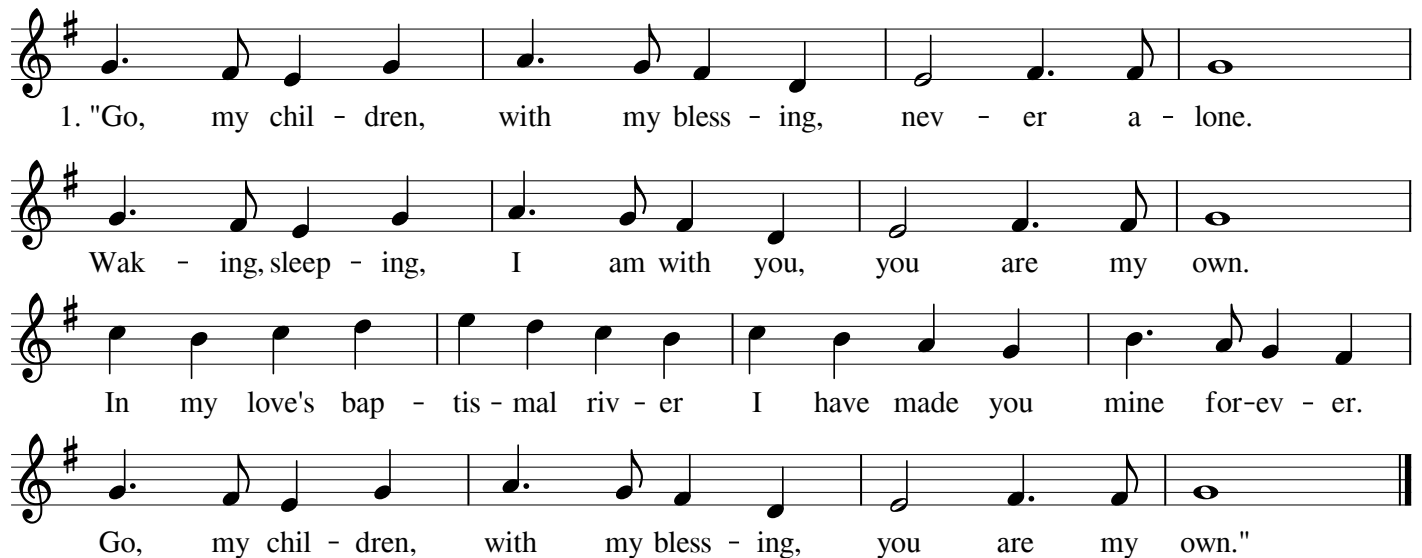
*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

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

**Sending Hymn:**

**“Go My Children, With My Blessing”**



1. "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b 1919, alt.

Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872 - 1958

**Postlude** “Adagio” Henry Purcell

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,                      be thou our guide while life shall last,  
 our hope for years to come,                      and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5

Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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You Are the Way



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
 you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.  
 Music: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1615

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