

THE OFFICE AT PRIME

Faith Lutheran Church – July 12th, 2020- 10 am

The office at Prime, a variation of which we use today, was one of seven daily “canonical hours” of prayer and devotion that made up “The Divine Office”. Prime was used at the beginning of the day’s work and was characterized by supplication, asking for God’s help and blessing throughout the day. The reading of Psalm 119 also served to direct the soul to the eternal law of God. We follow this prayer service as we begin our day in the name of the Lord.

OPENING VERSICLES

L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

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. Alleluia!

HYMN

“Awake My Soul, and with the Sun”

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1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly
2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science
3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -
4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and
as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing
freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from
sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

5 Direct, control, suggest this day
All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their might
In Thy sole glory may unite.

6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PSALM 119:1-8

L: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.

C: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. Blessed are they who keep His statutes and seek Him with all their heart. They do nothing wrong; they walk in His ways. You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying Your decrees! Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all Your commands. I will praise You with an upright heart as I learn Your righteous laws. I will obey Your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

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.

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FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:10-13

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are

children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THIRD LESSON Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.” ... “Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

P: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.

C: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.

P: You who sits at the right hand of the Father:

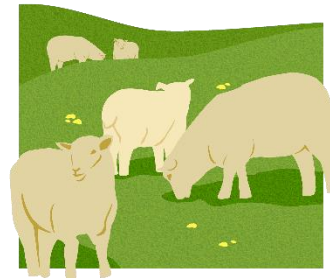
C: Have mercy upon us.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.

P: Arise, O Christ, and help us.

C: And deliver us for Your name’s sake.



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -

seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the

heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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MEDITATION**LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

P: I cry to You, O Lord.

C: In the morning my prayer comes before You.

P: Oh, let my mouth be filled with Your praise:

C: And with Your glory all the day.

P: Hide Your face from my sins, O Lord.

C: And blot out all my iniquities.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

C: And put a new and right spirit within me.

P: Cast me not away from Your presence.

C: And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.

C: And uphold me with a willing spirit.

I confess to God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and before all the company of heaven, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, my own fault, my most grievous fault; wherefore I pray almighty God to have mercy upon me, to forgive me all my sins, and to make clean my heart within me.

P: May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance, amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Vouchsafe, O Lord:

C: To keep us this day without sin.

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us.

C: As our trust is in You.

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: And let my cry come to You.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE COLLECT

P: O everlasting Jesus, who in the early morning did give Yourself to be reviled and scoffed at by Your enemies, visit us, we pray You, at this hour with Your grace and mercy that so throughout the day we may find peace and joy in all that ministers to Your praise and glory, You, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C: **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

P: The Lord Almighty order this day and all our doings in His peace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord:

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless us and keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

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1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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