



THE OFFICE AT PRIME

Faith Lutheran Church

August 16th, 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

“God Himself Is Present”

#907



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. “Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!” Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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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 is was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, I so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THIRD LESSON Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.

HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

#649



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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MEDITATION

“A Trail of Crumbs”

(Matt. 15:21-28)

HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#770



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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LORD'S PRAYER

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

“Jesus Shall Reign”

#832



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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