

# **The Order For Morning Prayer**

**The Book of Alternative Services**

**6 September 2020**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**St. George's Cathedral, Kingston**

Prelude: *Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*, J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

## Opening Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesu, true and living bread.

2

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
thou art here, we ask not how.

3

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
we in worship join with them.

4

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
cleansing souls from every stain.

5

Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
stricken rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,

Alleluia, alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified!

*St Osmund*  
H. Willan (1880-1968)

G.H. Bourne (1840-1925)

## Morning Prayer

*Officiant* 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.**

*All* **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!**

## The Invitatory

### Venite

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD: / let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, / and show ourselves glad in him with  
psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, / and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: / and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: / and his hands prepared the dry land.

O COME, let us worship, and fall down, / and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; / and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

TO-DAY, O that ye would hear his voice: / 'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and  
as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me, / proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, / "It is a people that do err in  
their hearts, for they have not known my ways";

Unto whom I swear in my wrath, / that they should not enter into my rest.'

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

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

# The Psalm

## Psalm 149. *Cantate Domino*

O SING unto the LORD a new song: / let the congregation of saints praise him.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: / and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance: / let them sing praises unto him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD hath pleasure in his people, / and adorneth the humble with salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful with glory: / let them sing for joy upon their couches.

6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth, / and a two-edged sword in their hands;

7 To be avenged of the nations, / and to rebuke the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains, / and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To execute upon them the judgement that is written. / Such honour have all his saints.

## The Office Hymn

Thy kingdom come! On bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.

2

But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong;  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.

3

And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:

4

The day in whose clear-shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed;

5

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad:  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.

*Irish*

*A Collection of Hymns*, Dublin 1749

F. L. Hosmer (1840-1929)

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The Readings

#### **A reading from the Book of Exodus**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two door posts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord be with you

*People*

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For

where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of Christ.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Homily** (The Venerable David Selzer)

## Affirmation of Faith

### 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 sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")  
For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the  
Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy  
Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city of Kingston, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially . . . ), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died (especially . . . ), let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering St George and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord.**

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 you will hear their requests.

Fulfil now 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 eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day:**

Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table: in times of disagreement teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ who stands at the heart of our gathering. **Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant* Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,  
*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.**

## Dismissal

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

*The officiant concludes with:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.

2

Ye blessèd souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
behold the Saviour's face,  
his praises sound,

as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.

3

Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good and ill,  
who ever lives.

4

My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love;  
let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise.

*Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>*  
John Darwall (1855-1935)

R Baxter (1615-1691)

Postlude: *Præludium in F major* (BWV 556), J.S. Bach (1685-1750)