



**MORNING PRAYER, RITE II, 10:00 AM**  
**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER**

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HYMNAL

PRAYER BOOK

**Processional Hymn 135**

“Songs of thankfulness and praise”

*Salzburg*

**Opening Sentence**

**BCP 78**

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

**Confession of Sin** (*sit or kneel as you are comfortable*)

**BCP 79**

**Officiant:** Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

*All: 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.*

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

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

**BCP 80 - 84**

*All stand*

*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.*

*Alleluia.*

**Jubilate** (*all, Spoken*)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; \*

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**Psalm 29** (*read in unison*)

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**The Lessons**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7**

Thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth--  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

**Lector The Word of the Lord**

*All* Thanks be to God

**Canticle 11** (*p. 87, all, spoken*) *The Third Song of Isaiah, Surge, "illuminare"*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
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.*

Second Lesson: **Acts 8:14-17**

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Lector** *The Word of the Lord*

*All*      *Thanks be to God*

**Canticle 19:** (p.94,all, spoken) The Song of the Redeemed, "*Magna et mirabilia*"

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
    surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
    for you only are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
    because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.*

*A reading from the Gospel of Luke*

Gospel: **3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**Lector** *The Word of the Lord*

*All*      *Thanks be to God*

**Reflection**

**Dr. Paul Hard**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**BCP 96**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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.*

### **Salutation**

**BCP 97**

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 97**

*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.*

### **Suffrages A**

**BCP 98**

**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.

**Collects**

**BCP 98-100**

*The Officiant then says the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Officiant:** O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

**Offertory Anthem**

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

arr. K. Lee Scott

**Doxology Hymn 380 (v.3)**

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**Prayers**

**BCP 101-102**

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

***A Prayer of St. Chrysostom***

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: 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.*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**Conclusion**

**BCP 102**

*Officiant then concludes:*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely  
More than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from  
Generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn 616**

“Hail to the Lord's Anointed”

*Es flog ein Waldvogelein*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God*

*Holy Comforter Choir*

*Carrie Alvarenga, Denny Brown, Tom Cagle, Dennis Endicott, John Harrell,  
Mary Lois Monroe, Michael Paul, Roy Paul, Annette Taylor, Jeri Tippit*

*Vestry*

*Paul Hard, John Harrell, Jeri Tippit, Michael Paul, Stephen Roberts, Steven Speaks, Hannah Williams*

*Senior Warden: TBA Junior Warden: TBA*

*Treasurer: Marc Semler Clerk: Jan Pope*

*Hybrid Ministry*

*Michael Paul, Randy Woodland*

*Ushers*

*Roger Brewer, Lyn Frazer, Scott Lollar, Nelya McKenzie, Rand Neeley,*

*Terry Seanor, Mark Semler, Jamie Taylor Head Usher: Alden Monroe*

*Altar Guild*

*Leanne Barber, Libby Bryan, Dorothy Gidiere, Melanie Kelley, Carol Kendrick, Rose Lollar,  
Ann Montgomery, Dabney McKenzie, Mary Lois Monroe, Zola Powers, Julie Speaks, Jeri Tippit*

*Flower Guild*

*Kathy Albree, Roy Paul, Zola Powers, Jeri Tippit*

*Holy Comforter Staff*

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