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## February 20th, 2022 – Morning Prayer

### Welcome, Thanksgiving & Acknowledgement

(anything in **bold** we invite you to say with us)

### Opening Sentence –

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 13.34

Opening Hymn – #557 (CP) Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

### Penitential Rite

Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21.28

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

God of all mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.**  
**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created.**  
**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf.**  
Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen

### Introductory Responses

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
You laid the foundation of the earth  
**and the heavens are the work of your hands.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of heaven and earth, to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your living Word, eternal in heaven, assumed the frailty of our mortal flesh, so may the light of your love be born in us to fill our hearts with joy as we sing.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

### The Gloria–

**Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth**

**Lord God, Heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
We Worship you, we give you thanks,  
We praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father  
Receive our prayer**

**For you alone are the Holy One.  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of the Father Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The Psalm for the day -- **Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40**

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

**for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

**Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil.**

For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

**Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

**The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

God our strength, give us the humility to trust in your loving care, and the patience to be faithful in seeking your kingdom, that we may come to share in the inheritance of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading- **Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Responary

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
**let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is sovereign.  
**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Tell out the salvation of God from day to day.  
**Let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Declare the glory of the Holy One among the nations and the wonders of God among the peoples.

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before God.**

2nd Reading - **1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

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The Canticle

*A Song of the Covenant (Isaiah 42.5-8a)*

Thus says God, who created the heavens,

**who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;  
who gives breath to the people upon it**

and spirit to those who walk in it,  
'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness,

**I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,**

a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are  
blind, to bring out the captives from the dungeon,

**from the prison, those who sit in darkness.  
I am the Lord, that is my name;**

my glory I give to no other.'

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and  
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and  
will be for ever. **Amen.**

Gradual Hymn – #58 (Sunshine) When You Learn to  
Follow Jesus

The Gospel - Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to . . .  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection -- Rev Deacon Wilson Akinwale

The Apostles Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,  
as we say,

**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.**

Prayers For the Community

Everlasting Light of creation may your people in all  
world worship in spirit and in truth.  
**Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

May the church discover that unity which is your  
will.  
**Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

May the nations of the earth seek after the ways  
that make for peace.  
**Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

May the whole creation be set free  
to enjoy the glorious liberty of your children.  
**Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

May all who with Christ have entered the shadow  
of death rest in peace and rise in glory.  
**Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory  
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
As our Saviour taught us,  
we invite you pray in the language your heart loves  
best,

**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 forever. Amen.**

Collect

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth.  
**Amen.**

Closing Hymn – #494 (CP) Not for Tongues of Heaven’s  
Angels

Collect 2

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Dismissal

May God, who has called us out of darkness into the marvellous light of Christ,  
bless us and fill us with peace. **Amen.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.