

Morning Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

July 26, 2023

Opening Hymn **Surely the Presence**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power and His grace
I can feel the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

Officiant and People together

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy 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!

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us adore him.
Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22
All read together

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven,

neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *

death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *

but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *

but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, *

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, *

by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Jubilate

See attached music and words

Psalm 30:1-6

Together

I will extol You, O Lord, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me. 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me. 3 O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, [a]that I should not go down to the pit. 4 Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of [b]His holy name. 5 For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But [c]joy comes in the morning.

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from Exodus 15:22-26

Context: In Chapter 15 the first group of verses is the Song of Moses where the people recount the escape from Egypt and the crossing of the Red Sea. This is followed by the Song of Miriam, sister of Aaron, which sings about Pharaoh's army being cast into the sea.

22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. 23 Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called [d]Marah. 24 And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25 So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet.

There He made a statute and an [e]ordinance for them, and there He tested them, 26 and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you."

Answer The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon Nunc dimittis

Luke 2:29 32

In unison

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
 according to thy word;.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
 which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,.
To be a light to the Gentiles,
 and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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 Mark 5: 1-20

Context: Jesus and his disciples now do something seemingly odd, they traverse the sea of Galilee to a Gentile area known as the Gadarenes. There were two cities there, and they were both Gentile cities filled with citizens who were culturally more Greek than Semitic; this would account for the pigs in the verses below.

5 Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the [a]Gadarenes. 2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind [b]him, not even with chains, 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. 6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. 7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore[c] You by God that You do not torment me." 8 For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" 9 Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." 10 Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. 11 Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. 12 So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." 13 And [d]at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. 14 So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. 15 Then they

came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 16 And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. 17 Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. 18 And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. 19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.” 20 And he departed and began to proclaim in [e]Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Song of Preparation

Hide me Lord in Your holiness; every fear I now confess.

**Praise to You forgiving Lord.
Hide me in Your holiness.
Hide me in Your holiness.**

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.

Suffrage A

The people respond with the bolded verse

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. **Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.**

From Max Lucado's How Should I Pray to God for Healing

We can come to our heavenly father and ask him to heal us because he wants us be whole. He wants us to be whole, not just in our spirit and soul but also in our body. Remember, the big idea of the Bible is to reestablish the Garden of Eden, to take us back to the way we were, and Adam and Eve they didn't struggle with bursitis or spinal issues or crick in the neck. So wherever there is a sickness, there is an opportunity for God to display his glory.

Now, where we get tangled up is that when is God going to display his glory? And

to what degree are we going to be healed? We've got to begin by remembering that sickness is under the domain of God. He didn't create it, but he still has authority over it. So I say you can expect to be healed. Will you be healed immediately? I hope so. Will you be healed gradually? That happens quite often. But all of us will be healed ultimately, and it's not a cop-out to say that our healing will happen on the other side of death. That's the ultimate healing. We can take absolute assurance that healing will come. If he heals you gradually, that means that this particular affliction is being used for his glory, for the development of your character. You know, one of the men in our church has struggled with a muscular issue for many, many years. But boy, he is such an example. All of us have met people who inspire us through their affliction. So that could be part of their testimony, but God is still healing them. And then all of us will be healed ultimately.

So it's essential during prayer to talk to God about what hurts us physically. It really is. And to let God speak to that and to comfort us, to bring wisdom into that part of our lives.

Intercessory Prayer for Healing

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from the bodies of Your children all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your holiness and the power of Your Spirit to touch and heal:

Take away their suffering, illness and pain and may they be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

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

Officiant

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. Ephesians 3:20*

Closing Hymn **Open Our Eyes Lord**

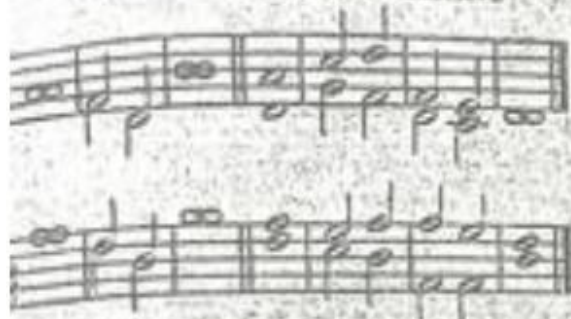
**Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him, and tell Him we love Him
Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus**

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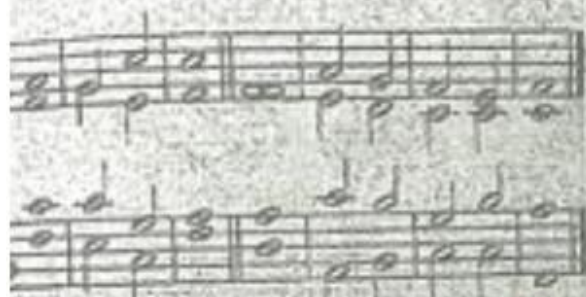
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1 O BE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands:

* serve the LORD with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Be ye sure that the LORD he is God:

it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
* we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;

* be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

4 For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;

* and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

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