

**MATINS: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 19, 2020**

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In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**SONG: LH 507 Open now Thy gates of beauty**

1 Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
Waits for Him who answers prayer:  
O how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace.

2 Gracious God, I come before Thee,  
Come Thou also down to me:  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
There a heaven on earth must be.  
To my heart O enter Thou,  
Let it be Thy temple now.

3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted,  
Here Thy seed is duly sown;  
Let my soul, where it is planted,  
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be  
Fruitful unto life in me.

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
Let me keep Thy gift divine;  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken,  
May Thy Word for ever shine  
As my guiding star through life,  
As my comfort in the strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;  
 Let Thy will be done indeed;  
 May I undisturbed draw near Thee,  
 While Thou dost Thy people feed;  
 Here the living waters flow,  
 Here is balm for all our woe.

*Tut mir auf die schone Pforte  
 Benjamin Schmolck (1672-1737)  
 Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.*

## OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth will tell of your praise.**

O God, deliver me.

**O Lord, be quick to help me.**

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, \* and will be forevermore. Amen.**  
**Hallelujah!**

## SENTENCE OF INVITATION

O come, let us worship the Lord,  
**For he is our maker.**

## O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

O come, let us sing to the **Lord**,  
 let us shout aloud to the rock of **our** salvation.  
 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,  
 let us shout aloud to **Him** with songs of praise.  
 For the Lord is a great **God**,

and a great King **above** all gods.  
 In his hands are the depths of the **earth**;  
 the heights of the mountains are **His** also.  
 The sea is his, for he **made** it,  
 and his hands **formed** the dry land.  
 O come, let us worship and bow **down**,  
 let us kneel before the **Lord**, our maker.  
 For he is our **God**,  
 and we are the people of his pasture, \*and the **sheep** in his care.  
 Glory to the Father and the **Son**  
 and the **Holy** Spirit,  
 as it was in the beginning, is **now**,  
 and will be for **evermore**. Amen.  
 O come, let us worship the Lord, for he is our maker.

### **PSALM 86:11-17 Supplication for help against enemies**

Show me your way O Lord,  
 That I may walk in your truth:  
 Let my heart rejoice in reverence for your name.  
 I will praise you O Lord my God with all my heart:  
 And glorify your name for ever.  
 For great is your steadfast love for me:  
 You have delivered my life from the pit of death.  
 O God the proud have risen against me:  
 The ruthless seek my life, and pay no heed to you.  
 But you are a God of compassion and mercy:  
 Slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.  
 Turn to me then and have mercy,  
 Give you strength to your servant:  
 And save the son of your handmaid.  
 Give me a sign of your favour,  
 That those who hate me may see it,

And be put to shame:  
 Because you Lord have been my help and my comfort.  
 Glory to the Father and the Son:  
 And the Holy Spirit;  
 As it was in the beginning is now:  
 And shall be for evermore. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Isaiah 44:6-8 God is the first and last - the only God**

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel  
 and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:  
 I am the first and I am the last;  
 besides me there is no god.  
 Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
 let them declare and set it forth before me.  
 Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
 Let them tell us what is yet to be.  
 Do not fear, or be afraid;  
 have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
 You are my witnesses!  
 Is there any god besides me?  
 There is no other rock; I know not one.

After the first reading:

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Romans 8:12-25 Our future glory is beyond compare**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

After the second reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 The parable of the weeds**

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

This is the word of the Lord.

**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

## **RESPONSE**

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

**Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.**

Make me wholehearted in fearing your name,

**that I may walk in your truth.**

Glory to the Father and the Son  
**and the Holy Spirit.**

**Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: Teach me, O Lord - *Thomas Attwood***

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,  
 And I shall keep it unto the end. Psalm 119:33

## **CHILDREN'S ADDRESS**

### **HYMN 265 How blest are they**

1 How blest are they who hear God's Word,  
 Who heed and keep what they have heard,  
 In wisdom daily growing;  
 Then while they tread life's weary way  
 Their light shines brighter day by day,  
 The Word its joy bestowing.

2 God's Word, a treasure dear to me,  
 Through sorrow's night my sun shall be,  
 My sword and buckler ever.  
 The Father's hand has written there  
 My title as His child and heir:  
 'The kingdom's thine for ever'.

3 Lord, through Thy Word may I be blest,  
 O nourish me, Thy humble guest,  
 With bread of life here given;  
 May by this Word my faith prevail,

So that its fruit shall never fail  
Till I serve Thee in heaven.

*A salig den Guds ord har hort  
Johan Nordahl Brun (1745-1816)  
Tr. Oluf Hansen Smeby, 1913  
Recast, Hymnal Compilers*

**SERMON** - Pastor Joshua Pfeiffer

*At the conclusion of the sermon:*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

**HYMN 228 Lord Jesus Christ the cause is Thine**

1 Lord Jesus Christ, the cause is Thine,  
The cause for which we pray:  
And since it is of Thy design  
It cannot pass away.  
Yet every seed, its life to show  
And as a fruitful plant to grow,  
Must perish in its silent grave,  
Thus losing life, its life to save:  
Within its grave  
In truth its life to save.

2 Through pain and death Thy pathway led  
To joys of heaven above:  
In faith we follow Thee, our head,  
Constrained by saving love.  
O let us then Thy sufferings share,  
And lead us to Thy kingdom fair;  
May we, who here endure with Thee,  
In yonder life Thy glory see:  
In life with Thee



Thy wondrous glory see.

3 O source of life, Thou art the grain  
 That sank into its grave:  
 Give life to all the world again  
 Which Thou hast come to save.  
 Send heralds forth to every zone,  
 That Thy great name may soon be known.  
 We too would joyfully proclaim  
 The saving glories of Thy name:  
 Mid toil and strain  
 We still would serve Thy name.

*Die Sach ist dein, Herr Jesu Christ*  
*Samuel Preiswerk (1799-1871)*  
*St. 3: Felician Martin Zaremba (1794-1874)*  
*Tr. Hymnal Compilers*  
*based on Henry Brueckner*

## CANTICLE

Let us praise the Lord, the / God of / Israel,  
 For he has / come • and re / deemed his / people.  
 He has raised up a mighty / Saviour • for / us  
 From the / house of • his / servant / David,  
 As he promised / long a / go:  
 - / Through his / holy / prophets,  
 That he would / save us from • our / enemies:  
 From the / power of / all who / hate us.  
 He promised to show / mercy to • our / fathers,  
 and to re / member • his / holy / covenant,  
 The / oath • which he / swore:  
 / - • to our / father / Abraham,

To rescue us from the /power of • our / enemies,  
 So that we might worship the / Lord with / out / fear,  
 Holy and / righteous in • his / sight:  
 - / All the / days of • our / life.  
 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the / Most / High:  
 For you will go before the / Lord • to pre / pare his / way,  
 to give the knowledge of sal / vation to • his /people:  
 By the for / giveness /of their/ sins.  
 Through the tender / mercy of • our / God,  
 the day of sal / vation • will / dawn on us • from / heaven,  
 To shine on those who live in darkness \* and the / shadow • of /  
 death:  
 To guide our / feet into • the / way of / peace.  
 Glory to the Father / and the / Son:  
 - / And the / Holy / Spirit,  
 As it was in the be / ginning • is / now:  
 And will be for / ever / more. A /men.

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.  
 Lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
 now and forever. Amen.

## CREED

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, dead, and 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 catholic\* church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen

\*or: Christian; 'catholic' here means 'universal'

## GREETING

The Lord be with you.  
 And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)

Let us pray

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do always what is right, so that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Almighty and eternal God, We thank you for the many blessings of body and soul which you have given us, although we have not deserved them. Above all, we thank you for preserving your saving word and the holy sacraments. Keep the teaching of the gospel pure in your church throughout the world, and give us faithful pastors to preach your word with boldness and power. Help all who hear the word to understand and believe. Send out labourers into your harvest and bring to faith those who do not yet know you. Have mercy on the enemies of your church, so that they may repent and live. Protect your church in all trouble, and defend it against all danger.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Show your mercy to all the nations of the world. Bless our land and the people who live in it. Help those in government and positions of responsibility to maintain honesty and truth, justice and peace. Direct all schools and places of learning, so that students everywhere may learn truth and wisdom.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Graciously protect us from fire and flood, from war and disease, from famine and strife and from every kind of disaster. Support all people in their proper vocation, and help all those who are unemployed. Bless our arts and culture, our science and technology. Be with all widows and widowers, and provide for all children who have lost their parents. Comfort those who are lonely and in trouble. Help those who are sick and in need. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work you have given us to do while it is day, before the night comes and no one can work. And when our last hour comes, support us by your power and take us home to your heavenly kingdom. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR GRACE**

I am filled with your praise,  
**and proclaim your glory all day long.**

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and eternal God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Protect us today with your mighty power; let us fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger. But guide us in all things, so that we may always do what is right. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **HYMN 564 Come ye thankful people come**

1 Come, ye thankful people, come,  
 Raise the song of harvest-home:  
 All is safely gathered in,  
 Ere the winter storms begin;  
 God, our Maker, doth provide  
 For our wants to be supplied:  
 Come to God's own temple, come,  
 Raise the song of harvest-home.

2 All the world is God's own field,  
 Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
 Wheat and tares together sown,  
 Unto joy or sorrow grown;

First the blade, and then the ear,  
 Then the full corn shall appear:  
 Lord of harvest, grant that we  
 Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,  
 And shall take His harvest home;  
 From His field shall in that day  
 All offences purge away;  
 Give His angels charge at last  
 In the fire the tares to cast,  
 But the fruitful ears to store  
 In His garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come  
 To Thy final harvest-home:  
 Gather Thou Thy people in,  
 Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
 There, for ever purified,  
 In Thy garner to abide;  
 Come with all Thine angels, come,  
 Raise the glorious harvest-home.

Henry Alford (1810-1871)

## **LET US BLESS**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**God be praised forevermore.**

## **BLESSING**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with † you\* all. **Amen.**

