



*A Service of Morning Prayer*

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9.30am

Prelude “*Le Rappel des Oiseaux*” (Call of the Birds) — J. Ph. Rameau  
(1683-1764)

Hymn No. 379 *God is love: let heaven adore him*

## **Opening Sentence**

**Officiant:** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips.

**People:** **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
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.**

**All:** **Alleluia.**

## **Pascha nostrum**

Antiphon

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

**People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

Therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

Death no longer as dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*

The first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, \*

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as is in Adam all die, \*

so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Celebrant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

**People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia**

**Psalm 22:24-30**

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**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.**

## The First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

**Lector:** A reading for the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Canticle 19            The Song of the Redeemed**

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.

### **The Second Reading**

**John 15:1-8**

**Officiant:** A reading from the Gospel of St. John.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

**Officiant:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Canticle 21 *Te Deum***

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
    heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
    Father, of majesty unbounded,  
    your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
    and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
    Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
    bought with the price of your own blood,  
    and bring us with your saints  
    to glory everlasting.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**People:** 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.

## **The Prayers**

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray

**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.

**Officiant:** Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**People:** **And grant us your salvation.**

**Officiant:** Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**People:** **Let your people sing with joy.**

**Officiant:** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**People:** **For only in you can we live in safety.**

**Officiant:** Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**People:** **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

**Officiant:** Let your way be known upon earth;  
**People:** **Your saving health among all nations.**

**Officiant:** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**People:** **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

**Officiant:** Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**People:** **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**Officiant:** Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever  
**People:** **Amen.**

**Officiant:** Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue in our hospitals and research centers his gracious work among us, especially those ministering to people affected by the coronavirus; console and heal the sick; grant to the researchers, physicians, nurses, and assisting staff wisdom and skill, diligence and patience; prosper their work, O Lord, and send down your blessing upon all who serve the suffering; Lord we also pray for those who have requested

our prayers: Bishop Alan, Bishop Gayle, Bishop Bud, Obi Aduba, Karen Armour, Stan Baker, Linda Carlough, Nancy Mailing, Eva Melzar, Mary Melzar, Gerlyn Melzar, Alex Simpson, Mary Ann Simpson, Chris Tahan, Chuck Tortorello Sr., Leslie Vickers, Hillary, and Christopher.  
We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**Officiant:** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

The Office Hymn No. 439 *What wondrous love is this*

The Homily

The Rev. Marc Eames

### **The Offertory**

**Officiant:** I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

The Offertory Anthem                    *“Le Rossignol”* (The Nightingale) F. Couperin  
(1668-1733)

Doxology Hymn No. 380



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## **Tabernacle Light**

The tabernacle light, presence light, or sanctuary lamp, holds a candle and is attached to the wall or ceiling near the place where sacrament is reserved. Our tabernacle light was a gift to the parish by Ellen Cole in honor of her late husband David. It was memorialized in a special Eucharist in 2014.

The candle that it holds is kept continually burning anytime sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle as a sign of Christ's presence. A single candle burns all week long and is replaced every Sunday morning. It is a long tradition of the church to have such candles burn as a memorial for a loved one similar to the way that flowers are offered. We have a suggested donation of \$20 dollars.

### **How to signup for the Tabernacle light during virtual worship:**

If you desire to dedicate the light to a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, please do the following:

**Email:** [millydowning@gmail.com](mailto:millydowning@gmail.com) *and include the requested date and name of the person.*

You are encouraged to reserve a date(s) in 2021 as early as possible. Thank you.

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