



# **A Service of Morning Prayer**

**May 15, 2022**

**The Episcopal Church of the Advent  
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## **Prelude**

“Chanson”

Gounod/Smith

**Hymn** All creatures of our God and King Hymnal #400, verses 1, 4, 5 and 7

## **Opening Sentence**

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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

*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. Alleluia.**

## **Jubilate**

*All* **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 148**

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

*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 11:1-18

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Song of Mary** *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

*All*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**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**

Revelation 21:1-6

*Lector*

A reading from the Revelation to John

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Song of Simeon** *Nunc dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

*All* **Lord, you now have set your servant free \***  
**to go in peace as you have promised;**  
**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \***  
**whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**  
**A Light to enlighten the nations, \***  
**and the glory of your 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 or ever.**  
**Amen.**

**Hymn** When Christ was lifted from the earth

Hymnal #603

### **The Gospel of John**

John 13:31-35

*Officiant* A reading from the Gospel according to John.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Officiant* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Homily**

Theresa Melzar

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand as you are able*

*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

*All*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will  
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* I invite your own prayers either silently or aloud.

*Officiant* We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Karen A., Linda C., James D., Ellie L., Nancy M., Lisa M., Eva M., Mary M., GERALYN M., Alex S., Chris T., Scott T., Leslie V., Stacey Y., Charles T., Beverly R., Ryan, Christine, and Roger.

And, we pray for all those who have died, especially William Wilson, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Lord in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayers.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*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.**

## **A Collect for Peace**

*Officiant* O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **A Collect for Mission**

*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.**

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

*Officiant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

**Hymn** Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal# 657

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

*People* **Amen.**

**Postlude**

“March”

Haydn/Martin

## **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.

If you desire to dedicate the tabernacle light in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, please contact our parish administrator by the prior Wednesday of the given week. We also have a signup sheet in the parish hall on the bulletin board just to the right of the kitchen. Your memorial or thanksgiving will be printed in the worship bulletin and the suggested donation is 20 dollars.

WE ARE SUPPORTING ‘**DIGNITY MATTERS**’ THROUGH THE MONTH OF MAY. PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS (FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, BRAS, AND UNDERWEAR) TO CHURCH AND DROP THEM IN THE BIN LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

THANK YOU!

<https://www.dignity-matters.org>

**Dignity Matters** is a non-profit organization that collects, purchases and supplies feminine hygiene products, bras and underwear to women and girls who are homeless or disadvantaged, in order to help them stay healthy, regain self-confidence, and live with basic dignity.

People commonly associate period poverty with developing countries, but it is a significant, hidden and local issue here in America, and, in Massachusetts.

There are women in almost every community in the nation, who cannot afford these necessities, and period protection items are not covered by SNAP benefits.

Clients we assist are commonly single mothers, low-income or homeless women or women and teens who escaped domestic violence and cannot safely return home. Well over 40% of homeless women we encountered in shelters **are employed**. We also serve monthly thousands of immigrants, refugees and members of LGBT community. People we work with desperately need help to stand back on their feet.

People we serve, every month face the humiliating reality of no access to period protection. Their dilemma of having to choose between buying food to survive or menstrual care is too common.

**Why homeless and disadvantaged women and girls desperately need our support with period protection and underwear?**

1. SNAP benefits **do not** cover them
2. Menstrual products are expensive and needed monthly – the cost adds up
3. Menstrual products are rarely donated to shelters, food pantries or public schools
4. Many shelters, food pantries and public schools can’t afford or do not provide period protection for their clients. Bras are considered a luxury.

*Officiant*  
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### **We Welcome Visitors and Newcomers**

If you are interested in finding out more about the Church of the Advent or being added to the mailing list, please fill out the Welcome Card in the pews and drop it in the collection plate, give it to an usher, or you may call the church office at (508)359-6303. We welcome your presence here!