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Morning Prayer

Officiant

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Officiant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your 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 for ever. Amen.**

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 147:13-21

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion;

14 **For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.**

15 He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 **He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly.**

17 He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 **He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold?**

19 He sends forth his word and melts them;
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

**20 He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes
and his judgments to Israel.**

21 He has not done so to any other nation; to them
he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

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 for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah (61:10—62:3)

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being
shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with
the garments of salvation, he has covered me with
the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks
himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns
herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings
forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is
sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause
righteousness and praise to spring up before all the
nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and
for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her
vindication shines out like the dawn, and her
salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see
your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and
you shall be called by a new name that the mouth
of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of
beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem
in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 13 – Benedictus es, Domine

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are
worthy of praise; glory to you.

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy
Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you
for ever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the
throne of your majesty, glory to you.

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we
will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high
vault of heaven, glory to you.

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we
will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

A Reading from Galatians (3:23-25; 4:4-7)

When Christ came into the world, he said,
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt
offerings and sin offerings you have taken no
pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do
your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is
written of me)." When he said above, "You have
neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and
offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings"
(these are offered according to the law), then he
added, "See, I have come to do your will." He
abolishes the first in order to establish the second.
And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ
once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Canticle 17 – Nunc Dimittis

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.

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 for ever. Amen.**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John** (1:1-18)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was God. He was in the
beginning with God. All things came into being
through him, and without him not one thing came
into being. What has come into being in him was
life, and the life was the light of all people. The light
shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not
overcome it. There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John. He came as a witness to
testify to the light, so that all might believe through
him. He himself was not the light, but he came to
testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens
everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the
world, and the world came into being through him;

yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Silence for reflection

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

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.

Our father in heaven
hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day 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.

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your 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 your Holy Spirit.**

Officiant

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader

For the holy Church of God, that we may boldly proclaim the good tidings of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. We pray especially for Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople; Francis, Bishop of Rome; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our presiding bishop; Greg our bishop; for priests, deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For the Anglican Communion, especially the Dioceses of Ikwuano - (Nigeria), Ilaje - (Nigeria), Ile - Oluji - (Nigeria), Ilesa - (Nigeria), Ilesa South West - (Nigeria), North East India - (North India), and Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; our diocese, especially Diocesan Council; the Board of Directors; and the Standing Committee; and our parish

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the world, especially our president, our congress, and our courts, that they may follow the example of the Prince of Peace by striving for peace and justice among the nations. We pray for our armed forces and for those who are deployed, especially for those we now name....

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the blessings we now name...

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, and all who are alone and forgotten, that we, who have received so abundantly, may give generously for their lives and needs.

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For those who do not yet know the Light of Christ, that their hearts may be filled with hope, peace, joy and love.

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are sick, that they may be blessed by your healing grace. We pray for all those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, praying especially for Lyn, Areewa, Marisa, Sandy, Paulette, Rico, Hollie, Christine, Theresa, Beth, Saray, Janis, Leif, Kari, Kathryn, Milana, Gordon, Hope, Jackie, Elianny, Glen, Gail, Deanna, Gary, Mary, Carol, Kathy, Nan, Chris, Anita, John, Trim & Cynthia, Marilyn, Keith, Justin & Kendra, Alex, and for all who suffer from COVID 19, their families, and friends, and for those we now name;

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

For the departed, that they may have rest in that place where the angels sing gloriously for all eternity, remembering especially Mari Hampton, Arbp. Desmond Tutu and those we now name....

O God who is with us, **hear our prayer.**

Officiant

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

After the Offering is collected, the following is sung

Song of Praise Hymn #380 vs. 3 *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Blessing

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

St. Matthew Mission Statement

To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**