



# Staff Prayers

## Opening

*O Lord, open our lips.*

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 shall be forever. Amen.

## Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

Schönster Herr Jesu

Crusaders' Hymn

1) Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2) Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3) Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4) Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.

## Psalm 80

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Testimony. Of Asaph, a Psalm.

- 1 *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!*  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- 2 *Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,*  
stir up your might and come to save us!
- 3 *Restore us, O God; let your face shine,*  
that we may be saved!
- 4 *O LORD God of hosts,*  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- 5 *You have fed them with the bread of tears*  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- 6 *You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,*  
and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- 7 *Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine,*  
that we may be saved!

- 8 *You brought a vine out of Egypt;*  
you drove out the nations and planted it.
- 9 *You cleared the ground for it;*  
it took deep root and filled the land.
- 10 *The mountains were covered with its shade,*  
the mighty cedars with its branches.
- 11 *It sent out its branches to the sea*  
and its shoots to the River.
- 12 *Why then have you broken down its walls,*  
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
- 13 *The boar from the forest ravages it,*  
and all that move in the field feed on it.
- 14 *Turn again, O God of hosts!*  
Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,  
15 *the stock that your right hand planted,*  
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.
- 16 *They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;*  
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!
- 17 *But let your hand be on the man of your right hand*  
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
- 18 *Then we shall not turn back from you;*  
give us life, and we will call upon your name!
- 19 *Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! let your face shine,*  
that we may be saved!  
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 4:25-5:5 *Brent*

**Meditation:** Watching and Waiting: Adam's Long Wait

### **Creed**

I believe in God the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there 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.

### **Greeting**

*The Lord be with you.*

And also with you.

*Let us pray.*

### **Lord's Prayer**

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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **Collect**

### **Prayers of the People**

Any individual

- Respond to the scripture that was read
- Praise for the promise, and fulfilment, of a savior
- Praise that we are in Christ, who always waits perfectly
- Give us grace to wait and trust in God and His timing
- Help us to persevere faithfully in serving our families and our work
- Grant us patience to wait as God's grace penetrates the hearts of those we serve
- Bless our day as we meet together
- Etc.

**Hymn:** Savior of the Nations, Come

Ambrose of Milan, trans. Martin Luther, William Reynolds  
Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

1) Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!  
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2) Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh –  
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.

3) Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child  
Of the Virgin undefiled!  
Though by all the world disowned,  
Still to be in heaven enthroned.

4) From the Father forth He came  
And returneth to the same,  
Captive leading death and hell--  
High the song of triumph swell!

5) Thou, the Father's only Son,  
Hast o'er sin the victory won.  
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be;  
When shall we its glories see?

6) Brightly doth Thy manger shine,  
Glorious is its light divine.  
Let not sin o'ercloud this light;  
Ever be our faith thus bright.

7) Praise to God the Father sing,  
Praise to God the Son, our King,  
Praise to God the Spirit be  
Ever and eternally.

**Closing Prayer**

*Italics:*        *leader*

Regular:        people

Arial:            instructions