



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: Come, My Soul

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Haydn

- 1) Come, my soul, thou must be waking;
Now is breaking
O'er the earth another day:
Come to Him who made this splendor;
See thou render
All thy feeble strength can pay.
- 2) Gladly hail the sun returning;
Ready burning
Be the incense of thy pow'rs;
For the night is safely ended;
God hath tended
With His care thy helpless hours.
- 3) Pray that He may prosper ever
Each endeavor,
When thy aim is good and true;
But that He may ever thwart thee,
And convert thee,
When thou evil wouldst pursue.
- 4) Our God's bounteous gifts abuse not,
Light refuse not,
But His Spirit's voice obey;
Thou with Him shalt dwell, beholding
Light enfolding
All things in unclouded day.

Psalm 88

A Song. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. To the choirmaster: according to Mahalath Leannoth. A Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.

- 1 *O LORD, God of my salvation;*
I cry out day and night before you.
- 2 *Let my prayer come before you;*
incline your ear to my cry!
- 3 *For my soul is full of troubles,*
and my life draws near to Sheol.

- 4 *I am counted among those who go down to the pit;*
I am a man who has no strength,
- 5 *like one set loose among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave,*
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
- 6 *You have put me in the depths of the pit,*
in the regions dark and deep.
- 7 *Your wrath lies heavy upon me,*
and you overwhelm me with all your waves. Selah
- 8 *You have caused my companions to shun me;*
you have made me a horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
- 9 my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call upon you, O LORD;
I spread out my hands to you.
- 10 *Do you work wonders for the dead?*
Do the departed rise up to praise you? Selah
- 11 *Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,*
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
- 12 *Are your wonders known in the darkness,*
or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
- 13 *But I, O LORD, cry to you;*
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
- 14 *O LORD, why do you cast my soul away?*
Why do you hide your face from me?
- 15 *Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,*
I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.
- 16 *Your wrath has swept over me;*
your dreadful assaults destroy me.
- 17 *They surround me like a flood all day long;*
they close in on me together.
- 18 *You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me;*
my companions have become darkness.
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Scripture Reading: Genesis 47:7-9; 48:1-9 *Derek*

Meditation: Waiting and Watching: Jacob's Crushing Loss

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
- Pray for grace to endure great loss
- Help us to persevere in faith, even when we feel we can't go on.
- Teach us to number (properly evaluate) our days
- Fix our hope on the heavenly city to which you call us
- Help us to call each other and many others to that heavenly city
- Bless our day as we meet together
- Etc.

Hymn: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley and Rowland H. Pritchard

Hyfrydol: Prichard

1) Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

2) Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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Closing Prayer

Italics: *leader*

Regular: people

Arial: instructions