



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: When Morning Gilds the Sky

Edward Caswall

Laudes Domini

1) When morning gilds the sky,
our hearts awaking cry:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

in all our work and prayer

we ask his loving care:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

2) To God, the Word on high,
the hosts of angels cry:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let mortals too upraise

their voices in hymns of praise:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

3) Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky

from depth to height reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

4) Be this, when day is past,
of all our thoughts the last:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day

when from the heart we say:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

5) Then let us join to sing
to Christ, our loving King:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song

through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Psalm 85

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

- 1 *LORD, you were favorable to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 *You forgave the iniquity of your people;*
you covered all their sin. Selah
- 3 *You withdrew all your wrath;*
you turned from your hot anger.
- 4 *Restore us again, O God of our salvation,*
and put away your indignation toward us!
- 5 *Will you be angry with us forever?*
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- 6 *Will you not revive us again,*
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 *Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,*
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 *Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.
- 9 *Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,*
that glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 *Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;*
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- 11 *Faithfulness springs up from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- 12 *Yes, the LORD will give what is good,*
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 *Righteousness will go before him*
and make his footsteps a way.
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 12:1-4; 21:1-5 *Oliver*

Meditation: Waiting and Watching: Abraham's Disappointment

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

1. Respond to the scripture that was read
2. Grant us the faith to follow God where ever He leads us
3. Grant us the faith to wait for His promises, however long
4. Enable us to labor diligently on earth, even as we wait for our heavenly city
5. Give us success in the work to which God has called us
6. Bless our day as we meet together
7. Etc.

Hymn: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Johannes Olearius, 1671

Thirsting: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

1) Comfort, comfort ye My people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them!
Tell her that her sins I cover
and her warfare now is over.

2) Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
blotting out each dark misdeed;
all that well deserved His anger
He no more will see nor heed.
She hath suffered many a day,
now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
into ever-springing gladness.

3) For Elijah's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance,
since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey,
now prepare for God a way;
let the valley rise to meet Him,
and the hills bow down to greet Him.

4) Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain,
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits His holy reign;
for the glory of the LORD
now o'er earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that His Word is never broken.

Closing Prayer

Italics: leader

Regular: people

Arial: instructions