

Morning Prayer

In God Alone My Soul CP 563

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.

Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

Announcements

Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet CP 309

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet, praise the Lord with the harp and lute, praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest, praise the Lord in the city square, praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal, praise the Lord with the pipe and string, praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, praise the Lord on a Sunday noon, praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

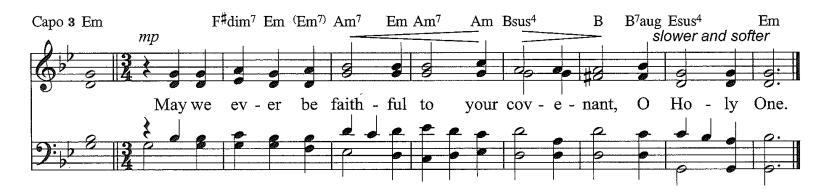
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.

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

Let us come before the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

For you, O Lord, are a great God, and a great sovereign above all gods. In your hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are yours also. The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Psalm 89:20-37



I have found David my servant;

with my holy oil have I anointed him.

My hand will hold him fast

and my arm will make him strong.

No enemy shall deceive him,

nor any wicked one bring him down.

I will crush his foes before him

and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and love shall be with him,

and he shall be victorious through my name.

I shall make his dominion extend

from the Great Sea to the River. R

He will say to me, 'You are my Father,

my God, and the rock of my salvation'

I will make him my firstborn

and higher than the rulers of the earth.

I will keep my love for him for ever,

and my covenant will stand firm for him.

I will establish his line for ever

and his throne as the days of heaven.

If his children forsake my law

and do not walk according to my judgements;

if they break my statutes

and do not keep my commandments;

I will punish their transgressions with a rod

and their iniquities with the lash;

but I will not take my love from him,

nor let my faithfulness prove false. R

I will not break my covenant,
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
Once for all I have sworn by my holiness:
'I will not lie to David.
His line shall endure for ever
and his throne as the sun before me;
It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon,
the abiding witness in the sky." RR

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

Listen for God's word. Our hearts are open.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

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You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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Let There Be Light CP 572

Let there be light, let there be understanding, let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;

Open our lips, open our minds to ponder, open the door of concord opening into grace;

Perish the sword, perish the angry judgement, perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;

Hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs, hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come, they spirit turn to language, thy people speak together, thy spirit never fade;

Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder, perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had

compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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Sermon

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever; for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; you are sovereign, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.

Riches and honour come from you and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might; yours it is to give power and strength to all.

And now we give you thanks, our God, and praise your glorious name.

For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Deep in Our Hearts MV 154

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision: deep in our hearts there is a common song; deep in our heats there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose; deep in our hearts there is a common goal; deep in our hearts there is a sacred message, justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing; deep in our hearts there is a common theme; deep in our hearts there is a common current, flowing to freedom like a stream. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision: deep in our hearts there is a common song; deep in our heats there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.

Stewardship moment

God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Teach us to love others as you have loved us.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Fill the world with your peace and justice.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Renew the Church through the power of your life-giving Spirit.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- the Church throughout the world;
- all who lead the church, ordained and lay;
- the leaders of the nations;
- the natural world and the resources of the earth;
- all who are in any kind of need.

Holy God of Israel, draw us near to you, so that, in place of hostility, there may be peace; in place of loneliness, compassion; in place of aimlessness, direction; and in place of sickness, healing; through Christ Jesus, in whom you draw near to us. **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today 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.

Blessing

Draw the Circle Wide CP 418

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song, no one stands alone, Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;

Nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone,

Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;

Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone,

Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**

Readings for next Sunday — July 25, 2021

9th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17)

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21