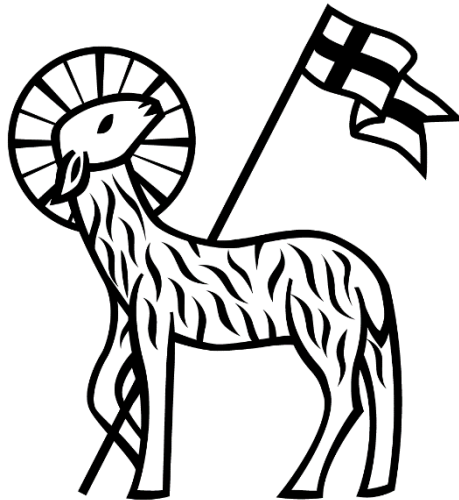




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OPENING HYMN (CW 122) Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle (sts. 1-4)

**1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy, Sound the loud triumphant lay.
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer, As a victim won the day.**

**2 Tell how, when at length the fullness Of th' appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman, Left for us his Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience, Shone as light amidst the gloom.**

**3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished, He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing, Did his work and met his death;
Like a lamb he humbly yielded On the cross his dying breath.**

**4 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit your equal be,
Symbol of the world's redemption, For your burden makes us free.**

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

STAND

RESPONSES

If an organist is present, the responses will be chanted. If no organist is present, they will be spoken.



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

MIDDAY PRAYER

M: God of mercy, this midday moment of rest is your welcome gift. Bless the work we have begun, make good its defects, and let us finish it in a way that pleases you. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OR

EVENING PRAYER

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PSALM

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

² Let Israel say now: Yes, his mercy endures forever.

³ Let the house of Aaron say now: Yes, his mercy endures forever.

⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say now: Yes, his mercy endures forever.

⁵ Under pressure I cried to the LORD.

The LORD answered me.

He set me in a wide-open space.

⁶ The LORD is with me.

I will not be afraid.

What can people do to me?

⁷ The LORD, who is with me, is my helper,
so I will look in triumph on my enemies.

⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in people.

⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in human benefactors.

¹⁰ All the nations surrounded me,
but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.

¹¹ They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me,
but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.

¹² They surrounded me like bees,
but they were extinguished as quickly as a fire of thorns.
In the name of the LORD I cut them off.

¹³ You pushed me hard to make me fall,
but the LORD helped me.

¹⁴ My strength and song is the LORD,
and he has become salvation for me.

¹⁵ Loud shouts of victory are heard in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD has done a mighty deed!”

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is lifted high!
The right hand of the LORD has done a mighty deed!”

¹⁷ I will not die. No, I will live,
and I will proclaim the works of the LORD.

¹⁸ *The LORD has chastened me severely,
but he has not handed me over to death.*
¹⁹ *Open for me the gates of righteousness.
I will enter them. I will give thanks to the LORD.*
²⁰ *This is the gate to the LORD.
The righteous enter it.*
²¹ *I will give you thanks,
because you answered me,
and you have become salvation for me.*
²² *The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*
²³ *This is from the LORD.
It is marvelous in our eyes.*
²⁴ *This is the day the LORD has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*
²⁵ *O LORD, please save us now.
O LORD, grant us success.*
²⁶ *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.*
²⁷ *The LORD is God,
and he makes light shine on us.
Bind the festival with branches as far as the horns of the altar.*
²⁸ *You are my God, and I will give you thanks.
You are my God, and I will exalt you.*
²⁹ *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:1-12

¹ *Jesus began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, and built a watchtower. Then he rented it out to some tenant farmers and went on a journey. ² When it was time, he sent a servant to the tenants to receive his share of the vineyard’s produce. ³ They took him, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ Again, he sent another servant to them. But they hit him on the head and treated him shamefully. ⁵ Then he sent another servant, but they killed that one. He also sent many others; some they beat, and others they killed. ⁶ He still had one left, a dearly loved son. Finally, he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ⁷ But those tenant farmers said to one another, ‘This is the*

heir. Come on, let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'⁸ They seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.⁹ So what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.¹⁰ Have you not read this Scripture:

*The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
¹¹ The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"*

¹² They were looking for a way to arrest him, because they knew that he had spoken the parable against them. But they feared the crowd, so they left him and went away.

HYMN (CW 114) Christ, the Life of All the Living (sts. 1, 2, 6, & 7)

**1 Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe—
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**2 Thou, ah, thou hast taken on thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon thee, O thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**6 Thou has suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For thy sorrows deep and sore,
For thine anguish in the garden, I will thank thee evermore,
Thank thee for thy groaning, sighing, For thy bleeding and thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise thee, Lord, on high.**

Text: Ernst C. Homburg, 1605–81, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-2, 5, 7, alt.;
Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, St. Louis, 1912, st. 3-4, 6.

The Rejected but Victorious Stone

STAND

THE LITANY

M: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

C: **Have mercy on us.**

M: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: **Have mercy on us.**

M: O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

C: **Have mercy on us.**

M: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

C: **Have mercy on us.**

M: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses nor the offenses of our forebears. Spare us, good Lord; spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

C: **Spare us, good Lord.**

M: From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity; from all deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism, from hardness of heart and contempt for your Word and your will:

C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared:

C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom; by your bloody sweat and bitter grief, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial; by your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: Receive our prayers, O Lord our God.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is according to your will. Enlighten all ministers with true knowledge and understanding of your Word, that by their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth. Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest. Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Give us hearts to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments. To all your people, give grace to hear and receive your Word and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the fainthearted, raise up those who fall, and finally give us the victory.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Rule the hearts of your servants, the president of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth. Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities. Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give clothing, food, and shelter. Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well. Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives. Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth and all young children, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely. Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed. Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy Word.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

C: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Grant us peace.

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Christ, have mercy on us.

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

MIDDAY PRAYER

M: Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake.

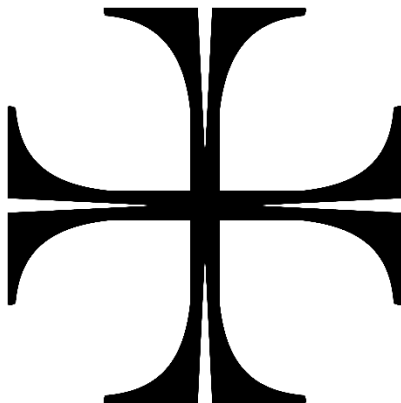
C: Amen.

OR

EVENING PRAYER

M: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

C: Amen.



SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part



ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen



your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry



peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING

If an organist is present, the blessing will be chanted. If no organist is present, it will be spoken.



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

HYMN (590)

God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

**1 God, who made the earth and heaven, Darkness and light,
You the day for work have given, For rest the night.
May your angel host defend us, Slumber sweet your mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us All through the night.**

**2 And when morn again shall call us To run life's way,
May we still, whate'er befall us, Your will obey.
From the pow'r of evil hide us; In the narrow pathway guide us;
Never be your smile denied us, All through the day.**

**3 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, And, when we die,
May we in your mighty keeping All peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us With you on high.**

**4 Holy Father, throned in heaven, All-holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely given—Blest Three in One,
Grant us grace, we now implore you, Till we lay our crowns before you
And in worthier strains adore you While ages run.**

Text: composite, 19th century, alt.

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Serving us Today:

- Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Jennifer Boll (6:30)
- Usher: Gene Freund (6:30)
- Altar Guild: Sally Kaalberg and Sherry Pribbenow
- Recording: Jon Eckelberg