

# Morning Prayer

August 15, 2021

Sundays after Pentecost

## Preparatory Prayer

*Officiant invites the people to a moment of silent prayer to prepare for the day's service.*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

## Opening Song

### "May the Words of My Mouth"

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#### Verse 1

May the words of my mouth  
And the thoughts of my heart  
Bless Your name  
Bless Your name Jesus  
And the deeds of the day  
And the truth in my way  
Speak of You speak of You Jesus

#### Chorus

For this is what I'm glad to do  
It's time to live a life of love that pleases You  
And I will give my all to You  
Surrender everything I have and follow You  
I'll follow You

#### Verse 2

Lord will You be my vision  
Lord will You be my Guide  
Be my hope be my life and the Way  
And I'll look not for riches  
Nor praises on the earth  
Only You'll be the first of my heart

#### Bridge

I will follow,  
I will follow You  
I will follow,  
I will follow You

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Officiant* Let us stand and read the Psalm responsively.

*Psalm 39:8-12*

- <sup>8</sup> Deliver me from all my transgressions;  
Do not make me the reproach of the foolish.
- <sup>9</sup> I was mute, I did not open my mouth,  
Because it was You who did *it*.
- <sup>10</sup> Remove Your plague from me;  
I am consumed by the blow of Your hand.
- <sup>11</sup> When with rebukes You correct man for iniquity,  
You make his beauty melt away like a moth;  
Surely every man *is* vapor.
- <sup>12</sup> "Hear my prayer, O LORD,  
And give ear to my cry;  
Do not be silent at my tears;

For I *am* a stranger with You,  
A sojourner, as all my fathers *were*.

*All say*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **The Lesson**

*Officiant* Please sit for the lesson.

*Revelation 2:12-17*

<sup>12</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, “These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: <sup>13</sup> “I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. <sup>14</sup> But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup> Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth. <sup>17</sup> “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.” ’

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

**The Sermon ( <https://youtu.be/W3zJSL-Cheo> )**

### **The Creed**

*Officiant* Please stand for the Apostle’s Creed.

*All stand to declare*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He 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 to the dead.  
On 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 again  
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.

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

### *The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

*Feel free to include specific prayers before saying the versicle (V) or take this time to pray spontaneously for the church, the world, and everything that comes to mind.*

Father, how great is Your mercy, how slow is Your anger, how abundant is Your grace. We humbly ask for Your power to deliver us from the covid-19 surges that are still happening around the world. Heal them, O God, and make Your power known to all creation.

V. Show us Your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us Your salvation.

Father, we pray for church leaders all over the world, may we faithfully disciple Your people, share the light of Your gospel and care for those who are in need – just as what Christ did when He was here on earth.

V. Clothe Your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let Your people sing with joy.

Father, we pray for the countries where covid-19 cases are still increasing, experiencing calamities, and in constant protest against their government...

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in You can we live in safety.

Father, we pray that the respective quarantines that are being implemented by our government would be efficient and effective in curbing this pandemic.

V. Lord, keep this nation under Your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let Your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with Your Holy Spirit.

V. Let us now pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Moment of Silence*

*Officiant closes with the following collect*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of Your people; in the multitude of Your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to You for help; for You are gracious, O lover of souls, and to You we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Prayer for Missions**

*All together*

God, You have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent Your blessed Son to die and rise for those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after You and find You; bring the nations into Your fold; pour out Your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Closing Prayer**

*Any of the following prayers may be used to end*

### *General Thanksgiving*

Almighty God, Father of all blessings, we sincerely thank You for all Your goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all men. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for the immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that, with truly thankful hearts, we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*          Thanks be to God.

## **Closing**

*The Officiant may close with the following:*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor. 13:13)

## **Announcements**

May our worship service today remind us of how precious our relationship with God is. It is priceless and can never be compared to anything we have or can have in life. Let us tell the world that we want Jesus more than anything in this world by singing the song entitled, "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

## Closing Song

### “I'd Rather Have Jesus 我寧願有耶穌”

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#### Verse 1

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold  
I'd rather be His than have riches untold  
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands  
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand

我寧願有耶穌, 勝過金銀,  
寧願屬耶穌比一切較安穩,  
我寧願有耶穌勝過財產,  
寧願使耶穌受釘手來牽。

#### Chorus

Than to be the king of a vast domain  
And be held in sin's dread sway  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything  
This world affords today

和:  
勝過做君王雖有大權勢,  
總是受罪惡控制;

#### Verse 2

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause  
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause  
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame  
I'd rather be true to His holy name

我寧願有耶穌, 勝過今世  
榮華, 富貴, 一切。

#### Verse 3

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom  
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb  
He's all that my hungering spirit needs  
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead

我寧願有耶穌, 勝過稱讚,  
我願意盡力滿足主的心願,  
我寧願有耶穌勝過名聲,  
願對主盡忠榮耀主聖名。

救主比百合花, 更加清香,  
比蜂蜜甘甜勝過世上各項,  
祂滿足我心靈我心意愛,  
我願使救主來引導安排。