



## MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

PRELUDE Sonata No. 2, Scherzo

Ned Rorem

OPENING HYMN 538

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy  
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy  
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -  
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.  
bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

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OPENING SENTENCE

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I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

*Officiant:* 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 alone 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.*

INVITATORY

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.  
*People:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
*All:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the  
 beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

ANTIPHON Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

VENITE (said in unison)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
 and a great King above all gods.  
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.  
 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.  
 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
 For he is our God,  
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

ANTIPHON Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

PSALM **92:1-4,11-14** (said in unison)

Led by Alanna Burke

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
  - 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
  - 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
  - 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
  - 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
  - 12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
  - 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;
  - 14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON **Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Read by Payton Smith

Thus says the Lord God:  
I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.  
On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.  
All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the Lord.  
I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

CANTICLE 16 – THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH (said in unison)

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON **2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

Read by Nicole Fox

**W**e are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know

him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

CANTICLE 21 – YOU ARE GOD (said in unison)

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You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

THE GOSPEL **Mark 4:26-34**

Read by Pia Catton

**J**esus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (said in unison)

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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 power of 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.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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

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*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* And also with you  
*Officiant:* Let us pray.  
*Officiant and People.*  
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, Form B

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V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your Name forever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Read by Nathan Lawson

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR GRACE

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Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR MISSION

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O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to 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.*

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OFFERTORY HYMN 209

*St. Botolph*

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and  
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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## DOXOLOGY

*Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV

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Read by Leslee Warren

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for Andrew, Allen, and Mary, our own Bishops. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee. We also pray for our companion parish, St. Matthew's Church, Bethnal Green, London. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for our parishioners who minister to the sick and needy, and for our Advisory Board as they lead us in discerning God's will for our parish.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; remembering Richard and Linda Howe, the Foley Family, the Abbott Family, Marshall Thorpe, Victor Isaac, Robert Emerson, Ronald Guichard, Trecia Usher Garcia, Jeanne Anne Knowlton, Emily, Hillary, Mark Zimoski, Ethel Hope, Aldington Hope, Timothy Savage, Sally, Piero, Shannon Allsworth and Family, Emilia, Elizabeth and Madeline Gallagher; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering the Rev. David Johnson, Alfred Zulli, Linda Heisler, Charles, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

*Officiant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (said in unison)

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your 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 our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
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.

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou has sought, so  
 wand - ering and the wav - ering feet; O feed me, Lord, that  
 pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that

let me seek thy err - ing child - ren lost and lone.  
 I may feed thy hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.

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DISMISSAL

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*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

POSTLUDE *Nachtstucke*. Op. 23, No. 4

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