

MORNING PRAISE

Worship Today

WELCOME

In the Name

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Hymn 772

**1 Come, Holy Spirit, come;
O hear my humble prayer!
Stoop down and make my heart your home,
and shed your blessing there.**

**2 Your light, your love impart,
and let it ever be
a holy, humble, happy heart,
your dwelling place in me.**

**3 Let your rich grace increase
through all my earthly days
the fruits of righteousness and peace
to your eternal praise.**

Dorothy Ann Thrupp 1779-1847, alt.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Friends in Christ: Let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

We confess that we are born in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We deserve your eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become the children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

Amen.

INSPIRE MY LIPS

O Lord, open my lips.

**(Sung) 1 Inspire my lips, O Lord,
and I'll sing praise to you.
O come and save me, God;
come quickly to my help.**

**2 All praise to God the Father,
to Jesus Christ the Son,
to God the Holy Spirit,
forevermore. Amen.**

Come, let us worship the Lord.

For He has made us all.

(Sung)

**1 O come, let's sing aloud to God,
and shout for joy to the Rock who saves.
Let's come before him, giving thanks.
With joyful songs let us praise the Lord.**

**2 The Lord is great, the King of all.
The depths of earth, the heights of hills,
the sea he made, and all the land:
they all are his, all made by him.**

**3 O come, bow down and worship him,
and kneel before the Lord our God.
For he's our maker, we are his;
we are the flock that is led by him.**

**4. All praise to God the Father now,
all praise to Jesus Christ the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit praise,
both now and evermore. Amen.**

FIRST READING

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:8-10, 16-20

P: Praise our God, O peoples,

C: let the sound of his praise be heard;

P: he has preserved our lives

C: and kept our feet from slipping.

P: For you, O God, tested us;

C: you refined us like silver.

P: Come and listen, all you who fear God;

C: let me tell you what he has done for me.

P: I cried out to him with my mouth;

C: his praise was on my tongue.

P: If I had cherished sin in my heart,

C: the Lord would not have listened;

P: but God has surely listened

C: and heard my voice in prayer.

P: Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer

C: or withheld his love from me!

SECOND READING

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

After the gospel:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

Hymn 222

- 1. Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light.**
- 2. Thou who didst come to bring
On Thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.**
- 3. Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving holy dove,
Speed forth Thy flight;
Move on the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.**
- 4. Blessed and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might:
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light.**

John Marriott (1780-1825)

SERMON

OFFERING (free-will)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions – as signs of your goodness and symbols of our love. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us. Amen.

Canticle: PRAISE THE LORD, THE GOD OF OLD (sung)

- 1 Praise the Lord, the God of old.
He has come to set us free.
He has raised a king to save us,
from his servant David's house.**
- 2 Long ago he said through prophets
he would save us from our foes,
show his love, as he had promised,
call to mind his holy vow.**

**3 He had promised Abraham
rescue from our enemies,
so that we might freely serve him,
all our days in holiness.**

**4 You, O child, are God's own prophet;
you will go before the Lord,
telling people how God saves,
by forgiving them their sins.**

**5 Through his pity day will dawn;
he will shine on those in night,
guiding in the way of peace
those beneath the cloud of death.**

**6 Praise to God the Father now,
praise to Jesus Christ the Son,
to the Holy Spirit praise,
now and evermore. Amen.**

Lord have mercy

(Sung) Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

**Our Father in heaven, your name be kept holy,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
And give us this day our bread for today.
Forgive our sins as we forgive all those who sin against us.
And help us when tempted, and save us from evil.
For kingdom, power, and praise are yours forever. Amen.**

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Let us pray that we love one another. *[silence]*)

Jesus, our loving friend and Saviour, you have promised to give us your Spirit to be with us forever. Stay within our hearts, so that we love one another as you have loved us. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OTHER PRAYERS

Prayer for grace

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and eternal God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Protect us today with your mighty power; let us fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger. But guide us in all things, so that we may always do what is right. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LET US PRAISE

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRACE (Sung)

**The grace of Jesus Christ,
the love of God the Father,
the Holy Spirit's fellowship,
be with us all. Amen.**

BLESSING

The blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † be with us always.

Amen.

Hymn 819

- 1. Wake us, O Lord, to human need
to go wherever you would lead;
awake our senses so that we
more sensitive to needs may be.**
- 2. Open our eyes that we may see
The masks that cover misery,
The hidden tear, the worried frown,
The loneliness of those let down.**
- 3. Since you've redeemed us from despair,
you've freed us so that we can share;
our neighbour's problems now we'll bear;
because you love, we love and care.**

Phyliss Kersten 1939-