

MATINS: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – July 25, 2021

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

RITE: 150th Anniversary of the laying of the Bethlehem foundation stone

OPENING SENTENCES

The minister and the congregation say responsively:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

He made heaven and earth.

See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone,
a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvellous in our eyes.

No-one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid;
that foundation is Jesus Christ.

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

Amen.

WORDS OF COMMEMORATION

PSALM 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures for ever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever more,

Amen.

PRAYERS

The minister says:

Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you have made us your living stones, and you build us together into a spiritual temple with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone:

Thank you for this church, which has been built to the glory of your holy name.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Watch over all who gather in this building, so that they may work together in peace. Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless us and the work which we undertake in your name, and give us the confidence that this work is never done in vain. Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant that your will may always be done in this place, your name proclaimed, and your kingdom extended. Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As we have no permanent city here on earth, prepare us for the world to come and take us home to your heavenly kingdom, where there is no temple and where we will see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Devotional reading of Hymn: Christ, who art our sure foundation

1. Christ, who art our sure foundation
 And Thy Church's cornerstone,
 We would build on this foundation,
 Build on Thee, and Thee alone.
 When to Thee our hearts we raise,
 Deign to hear our prayer and praise.

2. Lord, we praise Thy love unswerving,
 Love that blesses day by day;
 Far beyond our just deserving
 Is Thy mercy's tender sway.
 Though we oft forget Thy grace,
 Never hast Thou veiled Thy face.

3. For our father's sense of mission
 When they built this house to Thee,
 For their faith and steadfast vision
 We give thanks most joyfully.
 Thou, who didst their love inspire,
 By Thy love our love now fire.

4. Let Them cross e'er stand before us
 As our future path we tread;
 In this church Thy hand be o'er us,
 On us be Thy blessing shed;
 Living but to do Thy will,
 Let us love and serve Thee still.

Author unknown.

SENTENCE OF INVITATION

O come, let us worship the Lord,
For he is our maker.

O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

O come, let us sing to the **Lord**,
 let us shout aloud to the rock of **our** salvation.
 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,
 let us shout aloud to **Him** with songs of praise.
 For the Lord is a great **God**,
 and a great King **above** all gods.
 In his hands are the depths of the **earth**;
 the heights of the mountains are **His** also.
 The sea is his, for he **made** it,
 and his hands **formed** the dry land.
 O come, let us worship and bow **down**,
 let us kneel before the **Lord**, our maker.
 For he is our **God**,
 and we are the people of his pasture, *and the **sheep** in his care.
 Glory to the Father and the **Son**
 and the **Holy** Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning, is **now**,
 and will be for **evermore**. Amen.
 O come, let us worship the Lord, for he is our maker.

PSALM 145: 10-18 Great is the Lord

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
 to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever more,
 Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 4:42-44 Elisha feeds 100 men

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

After the first reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21 The love of Christ

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

After the second reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 6:1-21 Jesus feeds 5000 people and walks on the water

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?'

Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

This is the word of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

RESPONSE

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

Make me wholehearted in fearing your name,

that I may walk in your truth.

Glory to the Father and the Son

and the Holy Spirit.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

Devotional reading of HYMN 189 One is our God

1. One is our God and Father!
 The flock and all the shepherds cry;
 One Spirit us doth gather,
 One is our Lord who reigns on high,
 One well of life doth lave us,
 One hope our souls inspires,
 One faith, our stay, doth save us,
 One love us ever fires,
 One peace our spirits blesses,
 One fight for our reward,
 One end of all distresses,
 One life in Christ our Lord.

2. One in the Spirit's union,
 We onward march, a pilgrim throng,
 And sing in sweet communion
 The ransomed Zion's victor-song;
 Through night and tribulation,
 Through death our way we wend,
 With hope and expectation
 To see our journey's end.
 The cross, the grave, death's prison,
 We leave behind, and rise
 To meet our Saviour risen,
 And enter Paradise.

*En Gud og alles Fader
 Bernhard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862)
 Carl Doving, 1911, alt.*

SERMON

At the conclusion of the sermon:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your* hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

CANTICLE

Let us praise the Lord, the / God of / Israel,
For he has / come • and re / deemed his / people.
 He has raised up a mighty / Saviour • for / us
From the / house of • his / servant / David,
 As he promised / long a / go:
 - / **Through his / holy / prophets,**
 That he would / save us from • our / enemies:
From the / power of / all who / hate us.
 He promised to show / mercy to • our / fathers,
and to re / member • his / holy / covenant,
 The / oath • which he / swore:
 / - • **to our / father / Abraham,**
 To rescue us from the / power of • our / enemies,
So that we might worship the / Lord with / out / fear,
 Holy and / righteous in • his / sight:
 - / **All the / days of • our / life.**
 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the / Most / High:
For you will go before the / Lord • to pre / pare his / way,
 to give the knowledge of sal / vation to • his / people:
By the for / giveness / of their / sins.
 Through the tender / mercy of • our / God,
the day of sal / vation • will / dawn on us • from / heaven,
 To shine on those who live in darkness * and the / shadow • of /
 death:
To guide our / feet into • the / way of / peace.
Glory to the Father / and the / Son:
 - / **And the / Holy / Spirit,**
As it was in the be / ginning • is / now:
And will be for / ever / more. A / men.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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 catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***or: Christian; 'catholic' here means 'universal'**

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)

Let us pray

Almighty and merciful God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you.

Teach us to seek you
and to rely on you in all our needs,
so that our deepest desires may be satisfied,
and we may finally see you face to face.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR GRACE

I am filled with your praise,
and proclaim your glory all day long.

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 BLESS

Let us bless the Lord.

God be praised forevermore.

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with † you* all. **Amen.**