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An Ecumenical Service of Morning Prayer

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Prelude

Greetings and Concerns of the Community

Centering Silence

Opening Hymn O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

1 O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with *brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!

2 O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!

America! America!
God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law!

3 O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness
and every gain divine!

Invocation

from Prayer Book (page 78)

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

General Confession

from Prayer Book (page 79)

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.

Officiant

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

Invitatory

Prayer Book (page 80)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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. Alleluia.

Venite

Prayer Book (page 82)

Officiant and People

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!

Psalm

Prayer Book 801

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
 and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you *
 and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
 there is no end to his greatness.

- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to *anger* and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

After the Lesson, Leader and People together

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.

The First Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

After the Lesson, Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Interlude

Musical meditation or silence

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

After the Lesson, Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Apostle's Creed

Prayer Book (page 96)

Officiant and People together

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.

Lord's Prayer

from Prayer Book (page 97)

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People together

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.

Then follows this set of Suffrages

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People And grant us your salvation.
Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People Let your people sing with joy.
Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People For only in you can we live in safety.
Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People Your saving health among all nations.
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collects

from *Prayer Book* (page 97)

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor:
Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart,
and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection
of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you,
that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Officiant adds a concluding collect

General Thanksgiving

from *Prayer Book* (page 101)

Officiant and People together

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

Officiant

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant concludes with an ascription

Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Sermon

Offertory

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Doxology

Officiant and People together

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.

Concluding Prayer

Hymn, *Eternal Father*

Hymnal, page 8

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Eternal Father, loving all,
Who listens when Thy children call,
Who holds the universal key
To wind and fog and windy lea,
Oh hear us when we pray for care
Of those in peril in the air.

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My country, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside
let freedom ring.

2 My native country, thee,
land of the noble free,
thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,

thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills
like that above.

4 Our fathers' God, to thee,
author of liberty,
to thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might,
great God, our King.

Postlude