



Evening Prayer

January 9, 2021

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" BWV 731

Johann Sebastian Bach

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus says to us:

"Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Amazed, we speak well of him and his gracious works.

How God has anointed him to bring good news to the poor,

Release to the captives and let the oppressed go free.

"We are not worthy; only speak the word and we will be healed."

Jesus calls to us:

"Come and stand here. Stretch out your hand. Do not weep. I say to you, rise!"

Help us say:

"A great prophet has risen among us. God has looked favorably on all people."

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all learning, When the boy, Jesus, stayed in the temple to learn from the elders, it was the elders who in turn learned from him. Teach us, Lord, as you have taught others, and grant us wisdom and willingness to learn.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 2:7-8

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

⁷I will tell of the decree of the Lord:

God said to me, "You are my son;

today I have begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

NARRATIVE READING

Luke 2:41-52

Today's narrative reading is from Luke:

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Improvisation on "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" (ELW 519)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We gather our prayers using a sung response from the new supplement to the ELW "All Creation Sings."

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.

Ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor, ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor.

Lis - ten to your peo - ple. — Ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor.

Óyenos, Señor (Spanish): Hear us, Lord.

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(Brief Silence)

Each petition concludes:
[Sung Response]

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

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