



Evening Prayer

January 30, 2021

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

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.”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of the Sabbath, your followers were told not to work on the Sabbath, and yet they boldly plucked grain to show that you are Lord of all. The world tells us not to rest on the Sabbath. Show us how to rest boldly, rejecting conventions that go against your will, and instead praying and resting as you did up on the mountain, for the glory of your word and work, Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 92

Today’s first reading is from the Psalms:

¹It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

²to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

³to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

⁴For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

⁵How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

⁶The dullard cannot know,

the stupid cannot understand this:
⁷though the wicked sprout like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they are doomed to destruction forever,
⁸but you, O Lord, are on high forever.
⁹For your enemies, O Lord,
for your enemies shall perish;
all evildoers shall be scattered.
¹⁰But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;
you have poured over me fresh oil.
¹¹My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.
¹²The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
¹³They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
¹⁴In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
¹⁵showing that the Lord is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

NARRATIVE READING

Luke 6:1-16

Today's narrative reading is from Luke:

¹One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. ²But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ³Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" ⁵Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

⁶On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. ⁸Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. ⁹Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

¹²Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. ¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor

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SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Prelude on *Land of Rest*

George Shearing

George Shearing was a blind, British-American jazz pianist. Although best known for his work in jazz, including "Lullaby of Birdland," he also composed nine organ preludes on early American hymns. A collaboration with Lutheran church musician Dale Wood, the preludes show Shearing's jazz background.

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.

Come, bring your bur-dens to God; come, bring your bur-dens to God;

come, bring your bur-dens to God for Je - sus will nev - er say no.

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Music: South African melody, arr. Welile Sigabi
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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

Meditation on *Ar Hyd y Nos*

This Welsh hymn tune is most often paired with the text "Go my Children, With my Blessing." However tonight, you are invited to consider an alternate text, found in ELW 564:

*God, who made the earth and heaven, darkness and light:
You the day for work have given, for rest the night.
May your angel guards defend us, slumber sweet your mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us all through the night.*

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