

St. John's (Winona)
MORNING LITURGY
May 27, 2020

The Acknowledgement

Gathering Song : This Is The Day

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,
that The Lord has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this the day that the Lord has made.

Open to us, open to us the gates of God;
the gates of God; we will go in, we will go in,
and praise the Lord, and praise the Lord.

Open to us the gates of God, we will go in and praise the Lord.
Open to us, open to us the gates of God.

You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name,
we will praise your name; we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.

You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.

You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name.

Opening Responses

Leader : Thanks be to you, O God
 that we have risen to this day,

ALL : TO THE RISING OF THIS LIFE ITSELF !

Leader: Be the purpose of God
between us and each purpose,

ALL : THE HAND OF GOD
BETWEEN US AND EACH HAND !

Leader : The pain of Christ
between us and each pain,

ALL : THE LOVE OF CHRIST
BETWEEN US AND EACH LOVE !

Leader : O God, who brought us
to the light of this new day,

ALL : BRING US TO THE GUIDING LIGHT
OF ETERNITY !!

Song Of Praise : God of Grace and God of Glory

God of Grace and God of Glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;

free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of this hour.

Cure your children's warring madness.
bend our pride to your control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces
in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we fail ourselves and thee.

Prayer

Leader : God of life, do not darken your light to us,
God of life, do not limit your joy in us,
God of life, do not shut your door to us,
God of life, do not refuse us your mercy,
ALL : LORD, DO NOT REFUSE US YOUR MERCY.

Leader : Let us pray

O God of life, eternity cannot hold you,
nor can our little words catch the magnificence of your kindness.

Yet in the space of our small hearts
and in silence
you can come close and repair us ...

(silence)

O God of life,
grant us your forgiveness,

ALL : FOR OUR CARELESS THOUGHTS,
FOR OUR THOUGHTLESS DEEDS,
FOR OUR EMPTY SPEECH
AND THE WORDS WITH WHICH
WE WOUNDED.

(silence)

O God of life,
grant us your forgiveness,

ALL : FOR OUR FALSE DESIRES,
FOR OUR HATEFUL ACTIONS,
FOR OUR WASTEFULNESS
AND FOR ALL WE LEFT UNTENDED

(silence)

Leader : O loving Christ,
hanged on a tree
yet risen in the morning,
scatter the sin from our souls

as the mist from the hills;
begin what we do,
inform what we say,
redeem who we are.

ALL : IN YOU WE PLACE OUR HOPE,
OUR GREAT HOPE, OUR LIVING HOPE,
THIS DAY AND EVERMORE.

AMEN

The Word of God :

Reader : Listen for the Word which God has spoken;

ALL : SPEAK, LORD, TO OUR SPEAKING
SPEAK, LORD, TO OUR LISTENING,
SPEAK, LORD, TO OUR SOULS'
DEEP UNDERSTANDING.

Reader : *John 15: 1-8*

Reflection : The Reverend Rob Towler

Affirmation :

Leader: We believe, O God of all gods,
that you are the eternal maker of life:
we believe, O God of all gods,

that you are the eternal maker of love.

ALL : WE BELIEVE,
O LORD AND GOD OF ALL PEOPLE,
THAT YOU ARE THE CREATOR
OF THE HIGH HEAVENS,
THAT YOU ARE THE CREATOR
OF THE SKIES ABOVE,
THAT YOU ARE THE CREATOR
OF THE OCEANS BELOW.

Leader : We believe, O Lord and God of all people,
that you are the one who created our souls
and set their course,
that you are the one who created our bodies
from dust and from ashes,
that you gave to our bodies their breath
and to our souls their possession.

ALL : GOD, BLESS TO US OUR BODIES,
GOD, BLESS TO US OUR SOULS,
GOD, BLESS TO US OUR LIVES,
GOD, BLESS TO US OUR BELIEF.

Prayer for the day

Leader : Let us pray.

Let us pray for those who may be born today
and bless them in Jesus' name.

(pause)

The joy of God shine from your face
and joy to all who see you;
the shield of God surround your head,
and angels ever guard you.

ALL : MAY EVERY SEASON BE GOOD FOR YOU
AND THE SON OF MARY GIVE PEACE TO YOU.

Leader : Let us pray for those who must work today
and bless them in Jesus' name.

(pause)

God bless to you today:
the earth beneath your feet,
the path on which you tread,
the work of hand and mind,
the things which you desire.

ALL : AND WHEN THE DAY IS OVER,
GOD BLESS TO YOU YOUR REST.

Leader : Let us pray for those who must travel today
and bless them in Jesus' name.

(pause)

May the keeping of Christ be round you,
and the guarding of God be with you,
to possess you, to protect you,

from danger and from loss.

ALL : MAY THE GOSPEL OF THE GOD OF GRACE
BLESS YOU FROM HEAD TO SOLE
MAY THE GOSPEL OF THE KING OF HEAVEN
BE WRAPPED AROUND YOUR BODY.

Leader : Let us pray for those who may face death today,
And bless them in Jesus' name.

(pause)

May God provide for you,
all that is needed
for body, mind, and soul,
as you face the final journey.

ALL : MAY CHRIST TAKE YOUR SOUL IN HIS ARMS,
AND BRING YOU
THROUGH THE BALANCING TIME
TO THE DWELLING PLACE OF PEACE
AND MAKE IT YOUR HOME FOREVER.

Leader : And let us pray for ourselves.

ALL : ENABLE US, GREAT GOD,
TO PASS THIS DAY
AS PASS THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN,
TO KEEP THIS DAY
AS KEEP THE PEOPLE OF HEAVEN,
TO SPEND THIS DAY
AS SPEND THE HOUSEHOLD OF HEAVEN,
AND LOVE THIS DAY,

WHICH YOU HAVE PERFECTED.

AMEN

Closing Hymn : We are Called to Follow Jesus

When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair,
When searching just confounds us with false hopes everywhere,
When lives are starved from meaning and destiny is bare,
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow thro' us.

We see with fear and trembling our aching world in need,
Confessing to each other our wastefulness and greed.
May we with steadfast caring the hungry children feed.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's justice flow thro' us.

The church is a holy vessel the living waters fill
To nourish all its people, God's purpose to fulfill.
May we with humble courage be open to God's will.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's spirit flow thro' us.

We praise you for our journey and your abundant grace,
Your saving word that guided a struggling human race.
O God, with all creation, your future we embrace.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's changes flow thro' us.

The Peace

Leader : The peace of God,
 the peace of God's people,
 the peace of Mary mild, the loving one,
 and of Christ, King of human hearts,
 God's own peace ...

ALL : BE UPON EACH THING
OUR EYES TAKE IN,
BE UPON EACH THING
OUR EARS TAKE IN,
BE UPON OUR BODIES
WHICH COME FROM EARTH,
BE UPON OUR SOULS
WHICH COME FRO HEAVEN,
EVERMORE AND EVERMORE,

AMEN

Postlude :

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