

Morning Prayer
Wednesday December 1 2021
Book of Alternative Services
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The Gathering of the Community

Introductory Responses

Leader Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
People **Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Leader Will you not give us life again,
People **That your people may rejoice in you?**

Leader Show us your mercy, O Lord,
People **And grant us your salvation.**

Leader Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

All **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.**

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

Silent prayer and recollection of sins.

Priest Most merciful God,

All **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 neighbours
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.**

Priest Almighty God have mercy upon you, + pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Invitatory

Leader The kingdom of God is at hand:
People **O come, let us worship.**

Seek the Lord *Isaiah 55.6–11*

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; * call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways * and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, * and to our God, for he will richly
pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, * nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, * so are my ways higher than your ways, and my
thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens * and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, * seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; * it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, * and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

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The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading **Amos 3.12-4.5**

Reader A reading from the Book of Amos.

Thus says the LORD: As the shepherd rescues from the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear, so shall the people of Israel who live in Samaria be rescued, with the corner of a couch and part of a bed.

Hear, and testify against the house of Jacob,
says the Lord GOD, the God of hosts:
On the day I punish Israel for its transgressions,
I will punish the altars of Bethel,
and the horns of the altar shall be cut off
and fall to the ground.

I will tear down the winter house as well as the summer house;
and the houses of ivory shall perish,
and the great houses shall come to an end, says the LORD.

Hear this word, you cows of Bashan
who are on Mount Samaria,
who oppress the poor, who crush the needy,

who say to their husbands, 'Bring something to drink!'
The Lord GOD has sworn by his holiness:
The time is surely coming upon you,
when they shall take you away with hooks,
even the last of you with fish-hooks.
Through breaches in the wall you shall leave,
each one straight ahead;
and you shall be flung out into Harmon, says the LORD.

Come to Bethel—and transgress;
to Gilgal—and multiply transgression;
bring your sacrifices every morning,
your tithes every three days;
bring a thank-offering of leavened bread,
and proclaim freewill-offerings, publish them;
for so you love to do, O people of Israel! says the Lord GOD.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119.1-24 BAS 868

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, * **who walk in the law of the Lord!**
2 Happy are they who observe his decrees * **and seek him with all their hearts!**
3 Who never do any wrong, * **but always walk in his ways.**
4 You laid down your commandments, * **that we should fully keep them.**
5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct * **that I might keep your statutes!**
6 Then I should not be put to shame, * **when I regard all your commandments.**
7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, * **when I have learned your righteous judgements.**
8 I will keep your statutes; * **do not utterly forsake me.**

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? * **By keeping to your words.**
10 With my whole heart I seek you; * **let me not stray from your commandments.**
11 I treasure your promise in my heart, * **that I may not sin against you.**
12 Blessed are you, O Lord; * **instruct me in your statutes.**
13 With my lips will I recite * **all the judgements of your mouth.**
14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees * **than in all manner of riches.**
15 I will meditate on your commandments * **and give attention to your ways.**
16 My delight is in your statutes; * **I will not forget your word.**

17 Deal bountifully with your servant, * **that I may live and keep your word.**
18 Open my eyes, that I may see * **the wonders of your law.**
19 I am a stranger here on earth; * **do not hide your commandments from me.**
20 My soul is consumed at all times * **with longing for your judgements.**
21 You have rebuked the insolent; * **cursed are they who stray from your commandments!**
22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, * **for I have kept your decrees.**
23 Even though rulers sit and plot against me, * **I will meditate on your statutes.**
24 For your decrees are my delight, * **and they are my counsellors.**

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

The Second Reading 2 Peter 3.1-10

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you; in them I am trying to arouse your sincere intention by reminding you that you should remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Saviour spoken through your apostles. First of all you must understand this, that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and indulging their own lusts and saying, 'Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since our ancestors died, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!' They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water, through which the world of that time was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, being kept until the day of judgement and destruction of the godless.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Affirmation of Faith

Priest Let us confess our faith, as we say,

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Intercessions

Collect of the Day

Priest Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Collect for Parish Renewal of Faith

Priest Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the members of our Cathedral community; fill our hearts and minds with your vision for our life together and unite us all in your love that we may manifest your glory and prepare the way of your reign in our midst; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
Our Father in heaven,

All **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 for ever. Amen.**

Priest Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory: and the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**