

**A Day of Supplication and Prayer  
on the  
Occasion of  
the Twentieth Anniversary of 9/11**



**Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer**  
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# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

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## Service of Matins

*Stand*

### Common Versicles

*Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1*

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**C** Glory be 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.  
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

## Psalmody

### Antiphon

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**C** O come, let us worship Him.

### Venite

*Psalm 95:1–7*

- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,  
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;  
the strength of the hills is His also.

**The sea is His, for He made it,  
and His hand formed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us 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.**

**Glory be 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.**

### **Antiphon**

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **O come, let us worship Him.**

### **Psalm 62**

<sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from him comes my salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress;  
I shall not be greatly shaken.**

<sup>3</sup>How long will all of you attack a man  
to batter him,  
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

<sup>4</sup>**They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.  
They take pleasure in falsehood.**

**They bless with their mouths,  
but inwardly they curse.**

<sup>5</sup>For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
for my hope is from him.

<sup>6</sup>**He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress;  
I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>On God rests my salvation and my glory;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of low estate are but a breath;  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.

**<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion;  
set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

<sup>11</sup>Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,  
<sup>12</sup>**and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.**  
**For you will render to a man  
according to his work.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

**Office Hymn: 763 When Peace, like a River**



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

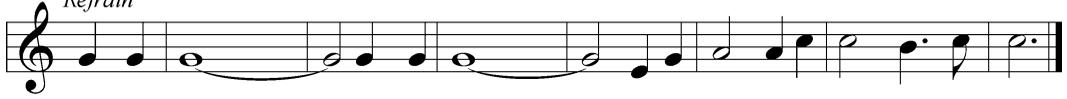


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de-scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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## Readings

### First Reading

*Joel 2:12–19*

**L** A reading from Joel, the second chapter.

<sup>12</sup>“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments.”  
Return to the LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.  
<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
for the LORD your God?  
<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
consecrate a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
<sup>16</sup>gather the people.  
Consecrate the congregation;  
assemble the elders;  
gather the children,  
even nursing infants.  
Let the bridegroom leave his room,

and the bride her chamber.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep  
and say, “Spare your people, O LORD,  
and make not your heritage a reproach,  
a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples,  
‘Where is their God?’”

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for his land  
and had pity on his people.

<sup>19</sup>The LORD answered and said to his people,  
“Behold, I am sending to you  
grain, wine, and oil,  
and you will be satisfied;  
and I will no more make you  
a reproach among the nations.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*1 John 1:5—2:2*

**L** A reading from 1 John, the first chapter.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*John 15:9–17*

**L** A reading from John, the fifteenth chapter.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

*Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28*

**L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## Sermon

*The sermon today was written by the Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Gard, president emeritus, Concordia University Chicago; Rear Admiral (retired), Chaplain Corps, United States Navy.*

# Canticle

*Stand*

## Te Deum: 785 We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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*Sit*

## Offering

## Prayer

*Stand*

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

- ☐ Lord, have mercy;
- ☐ Christ, have mercy;
- ☐ Lord, have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Introduction to Collects

*Psalm 102:1*

**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.  
**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

**L** Almighty God, whose compassion never fails and who invites us to call upon You in prayer, hear the heartfelt confession of our sins and receive our humble supplication for Your mercy. Spare us from the just punishment of sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us, and enable us to serve You in holiness and purity of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## At a Time of National Crisis or Calamity

**L** Heavenly Father, we come to your throne of mercy, bowed down and wearied by the weight of suffering and disaster visited upon our country. We beg you to protect this nation in our hour of need. We acknowledge our trespasses before you and do not deny either our own transgressions of your holy Law or the sins of other citizens of our homeland. We are laden with iniquity, but you call us to your forgiveness, salvation, hope, and life. Turn the hearts and minds of all to you, that they might find peace through the cleansing of Jesus' blood. Let us not be confounded or dismayed, so that we,

children of your grace, may courageously speak to this needy world of the hope that is within me. Make us instruments of your peace in a world of conflict, a witness to the power of faith in a world lost in unbelief, and a bearer of the joy that overcomes the sorrow of a fallen world. Grant to the leaders of this nation and all nations of the world wise counsel, calm thinking, and unselfish aims. Amid the tumult of disaster, build your kingdom and turn even more souls to yourself. Because of your grace, we are not altogether lost but find peace and forgiveness in You. O Lord, give us the grace to seek you, trust you, and confess you; in Jesus name.

**C** Amen.

### For Our Armed Forces

**L** O Creator of the universe, you did not form Adam from the dust of the world so that his children would spill their brothers' blood in that dust. With Adam's sin came death, destruction, and war. Yet you did not turn from your fallen creation but embraced it in the flesh of your incarnate Son, winning our peace with you through his death and resurrection. Still, humanity rebels, and evil flourishes with wars and rumors of war. Young men and women today protect our nation in the profession of arms, even now serving in places of danger, to shield us from the manifested evil of terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, and other wicked instruments of Satan's hatred. We pray, dear Lord of peace, that you would protect those who wear the uniform of our country and serve with courage, honor, and commitment. Comfort and strengthen our sailors, marines, soldiers, airmen, and coast guardsmen. Be with their loved ones who must wait at home while they go to far and distant lands, answering the call of duty. Bless the faithful ministry of chaplains who go with them to proclaim your Gospel and administer your sacraments on ships and in foxholes. Guide the leaders of this world that they may seek to walk in peace so that the skills of warriors may not be used except to deter those who would seek to harm us. We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace, the only Savior of the world, Jesus the Christ.

**C** Amen.

### Collect for Grace

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance,

may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

### Hymn to Depart: 878 Abide with Me

sts. 1-4



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

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