

MORNING PRAYER January 12, 2022
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Officiant Lord, open our lips,
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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.
Alleluia!**

INVITATORY *Venite (Psalm 95:1-7)*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
 let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it, *
 and his hands have moulded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and 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. *
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice.

PSALM **119:1-24**

Aleph *Beati immaculate*

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

I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

Beth *In quo corrigit?*

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

Gimel *Retribuere servo tuo*

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

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.

FIRST READING Genesis 4:1-16

Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have produced a man with the help of the LORD." Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller

of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it." Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the LORD said, "What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground! And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me." Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Reader Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE Jesus Christ is Lord *Philippians 2:6-11*

Christ Jesus, by nature divine,
did not grasp for himself
a rank as equal with God.

He chose to empty himself,
becoming a humble slave,
and living the life of a man.

And human in every way,
he abased himself still more,
obedient to death on a cross.

So God has exalted him on high,
and given to him the name,
the greatest of all the names;

So that at Jesus' name
every knee should bend low
in heaven, on earth, in the depths,

And every tongue proclaim:
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father!

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:11-18

For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant I believe in God,
All **the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Officiant Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer."

People O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

COLLECT

Officiant Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
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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 for ever. Amen.

CONCLUSION

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**