

## Morning Prayer

Monday, May 3



### Opening Sentence

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

### Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

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 neighbors 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.*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

### Versicle and Response

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.*

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

Come let us adore him. *Alleluia.*

### Christ our Passover

*Pascha nostrum*

*I Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; I Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin,\*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ has been raised from the dead,\*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death,\*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die,\*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. *Alleluia.*

### **Antiphon**

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:  
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

### **Psalm 56** *Miserere mei, Deus*

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
for my enemies are hounding me;\*  
all day long they assault and oppress me.  
<sup>2</sup> They hound me all the day long;\*  
truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.  
<sup>3</sup> Whenever I am afraid,\*  
I will put my trust in you.  
<sup>4</sup> In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust and will not be afraid,\*  
for what can flesh do to me?  
<sup>5</sup> All day long they damage my cause;\*  
their only thought is to do me evil.  
<sup>6</sup> They band together; they lie in wait;\*  
they spy upon my footsteps;  
because they seek my life.  
<sup>7</sup> Shall they escape despite their wickedness? \*  
O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.  
<sup>8</sup> You have noted my lamentation;  
put my tears into your bottle;\*  
are they not recorded in your book?  
<sup>9</sup> Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight;\*  
this I know, for God is on my side.  
<sup>10</sup> In God the Lord, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust and will not be afraid,\*  
for what can mortals do to me?  
<sup>11</sup> I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God;\*  
I will present to you thank-offerings;  
<sup>12</sup> For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet  
from stumbling,\*  
that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

### **Psalm 57** *Miserere mei, Deus*

<sup>1</sup> Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful,  
for I have taken refuge in you;\*  
in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge  
until this time of trouble has gone by.

<sup>2</sup> I will call upon the Most High God, \*  
the God who maintains my cause.  
<sup>3</sup> He will send from heaven and save me;  
he will confound those who trample upon me; \*  
God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.  
<sup>4</sup> I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; \*  
their teeth are spears and arrows,  
their tongue a sharp sword.  
<sup>5</sup> They have laid a net for my feet,  
and I am bowed low; \*  
they have dug a pit before me,  
but have fallen into it themselves.  
<sup>6</sup> Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  
and your glory over all the earth.  
<sup>7</sup> My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; \*  
I will sing and make melody.  
<sup>8</sup> Wake up, my spirit;  
awake, lute and harp; \*  
I myself will waken the dawn.  
<sup>9</sup> I will confess you among the peoples, O Lord; \*  
I will sing praise to you among the nations.  
<sup>10</sup> For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.  
<sup>11</sup> Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  
and your glory over all the earth.

### **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. *Amen.*

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

*Wisdom of Solomon 9:1, 7-18*

<sup>9</sup>O God of my ancestors and Lord of mercy,  
who have made all things by your word,  
<sup>7</sup> You have chosen me to be king of your people  
and to be judge over your sons and daughters.  
<sup>8</sup> You have given command to build a temple on your holy mountain,  
and an altar in the city of your habitation,  
a copy of the holy tent that you prepared from the beginning.  
<sup>9</sup> With you is wisdom, she who knows your works  
and was present when you made the world;  
she understands what is pleasing in your sight  
and what is right according to your commandments.  
<sup>10</sup> Send her forth from the holy heavens,  
and from the throne of your glory send her,  
that she may labor at my side,  
and that I may learn what is pleasing to you.

<sup>11</sup> For she knows and understands all things,  
and she will guide me wisely in my actions  
and guard me with her glory.  
<sup>12</sup> Then my works will be acceptable,  
and I shall judge your people justly,  
and shall be worthy of the throne of my father.  
<sup>13</sup> For who can learn the counsel of God?  
Or who can discern what the Lord wills?  
<sup>14</sup> For the reasoning of mortals is worthless,  
and our designs are likely to fail;  
<sup>15</sup> for a perishable body weighs down the soul,  
and this earthy tent burdens the thoughtful mind.  
<sup>16</sup> We can hardly guess at what is on earth,  
and what is at hand we find with labor;  
but who has traced out what is in the heavens?  
<sup>17</sup> Who has learned your counsel,  
unless you have given wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from on high?  
<sup>18</sup> And thus the paths of those on earth were set right,  
and people were taught what pleases you,  
and were saved by wisdom.  
The Word of the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

*Ecce, Deus*

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
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 New Testament Lesson**

*Colossians 4:2-18*

<sup>2</sup>Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup>At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, <sup>4</sup>so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should.

<sup>5</sup>Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. <sup>6</sup>Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.

<sup>7</sup>Tychicus will tell you all the news about me; he is a beloved brother, a faithful minister, and a fellow servant in the Lord. <sup>8</sup>I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts; <sup>9</sup>he is coming with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you about everything here. <sup>10</sup>Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, as does Mark the cousin of Barnabas, concerning whom you have received instructions if he comes to you, welcome him. <sup>11</sup>And Jesus who is called Justus greets you. These are the only ones of the circumcision among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. <sup>12</sup>Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you. He is always wrestling in his prayers on your behalf, so that you may stand mature and fully assured in everything that God wills. <sup>13</sup>For I testify for him that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup>Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you. <sup>15</sup>Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. <sup>16</sup>And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. <sup>17</sup>And say to Archippus, "See that you complete the task that you have received in the Lord." <sup>18</sup>I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

The Word of the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

*Magna et mirabilia*

*Revelation 15:3-4*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*

O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*

for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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 Gospel**

*Luke 7:36-50*

<sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup>And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup>She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him that she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup>Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." <sup>41</sup>"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they could not pay; he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup>Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." <sup>48</sup>Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup>But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup>And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The Word of the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## **The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, 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.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.*

### **Suffrages**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
Day by day we bless you;  
We praise your Name forever.  
Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
For we put our trust in you.  
In you, Lord, is our hope;  
And we shall never hope in vain.

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

### **For Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Collect of Commemoration**

Pour out your Spirit upon all of your sons and daughters, Almighty God, that like your servant Elisabeth Kreuziger our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship may give you glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Trinity Cycle of Prayer**

*Anna Sawczak*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

### **Benediction**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans 15:13*

### **The Commemoration**

Elisabeth Creuziger (c. 1500 - 2 May 1535) was the first female poet and hymn writer of the Protestant Reformation and a friend of [Martin Luther](#).

She was born into a noble family in Meseritz in Farther Pomerania (now part of Poland), and while still a child entered Marienbusch Abbey, in Treptow an der Rega. She converted to Lutheranism, and in 1522 left the abbey to move to Wittenberg. Then in 1524 she married the theologian [Caspar Creuziger the Elder](#), a student and assistant of Luther.

She is primarily known as the author of the hymn, [Herr Christ, der einig Gotts Sohn](#) (Lord Christ, the only son of God).

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