

THURSDAY MORNING

This is the message we have heard from Christ:

**that God is light, in whom there is
no darkness at all** (1 John 1:5)

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

² **The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Herald**

Go up to a high mountain
herald of good tiding to Zion:
lift up your voice with strength,
herald of good tidings to Jerusalem.
Lift up your voice, fear not:
say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'
See the Lord God, coming with power:
coming to rule with his mighty arm.
He brings his reward for the people of God:
the recompense for those who are saved.
God will feed his flock like a shepherd:
and gather the lambs in his arms;
He will hold them to his breast:
and gently lead those that are with young. (Isaiah 40:9-11)

³ **The Opening Prayer**

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be kept

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

⁴ **The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each**

⁵ **At the end of the (last) pause there may follow**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share our human nature, so we may be partakers in his divine glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

⁶ One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed

The reading may be followed by a period of silence for reflection

May your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory.

⁷ The Canticle, The Hymn of the Word

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God,
And the Word was God:
He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through him:
and without him, was not anything made that was made.
In him was life:
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness:
and the darkness has not overcome it.
He was in the world:
and the world was made through him
yet the world knew him not.
He came to his own home:
and his own people received him not.
But to all who received him who believed on his name:
he has given power to become children of God;
Who were born not of blood
nor of the will of the flesh:
nor of the will of a man but of God,
And the Word became flesh:
and dwelt among us full of grace and truth;
We have beheld his glory:
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
And from his fullness have we all received:
the grace upon grace. **(John 1:1-5, 10-14, 16)**

⁸ The Apostles' Creed may be said

⁹ The Prayers

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy.

¹⁰ **The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day**

**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.**

Heavenly Father,
loving shepherd of your people,
we thank you for your servant Oliver,
who is faithful in the care and nurture of your flock;
and we pray that we may follow the good of his example
and grow into the fullness of the stature
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

¹¹ **Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.**

¹² **The Morning Collect**

Lord and heavenly Father,
you have brought us safely to this new day:
keep us by your mighty power, protect us from sin,
guard us from every kind of danger,
and in all we do this day
direct us in the fulfilling of your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¹³ The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

May the God of peace equip us with everything good so that we may do his will;
and may he work in us that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to
whom be glory for ever. **Amen** (see Hebrews)

THURSDAY EVENING

The Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory. (Revelation 19:6-7)

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

² The Opening Canticle, A Song for Joy

Be joyful in the Lord, all the earth:

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God:

it is he who has made us, and we are his;

for we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise:

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good;

his loving-kindness is everlasting:

and his faithfulness endures from age to age. (Psalm 100)

³ The Opening Prayer

The day is now passed and the night is at hand.

Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be kept

Father of lights, receive the prayer and praise we offer you as our evening sacrifice; make us a light for all the world, delivered by your goodness from all the works of darkness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

⁴ The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each

⁵ At the end of the (last) pause there may follow

God our Saviour, you sent Jesus into the world of sin, and delivered him up to death for us: kindle in our hearts the same love with which he loved his own to the end; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

⁶ One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed

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7 The Canticle, The Song of Christ's Glory

Christ Jesus was in the form of God:
but he did not cling to equality with God.
He emptied himself, taking on the form of a servant:
and was born in our human likeness.
Being found in human form, he humbled himself:
and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him:
and bestowed on him the name above every name,
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow:
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord:
to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5b-11)

8 The Prayers

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9 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day

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For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
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¹¹ The Evening Collect

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of the night: that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest on your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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And also with you.

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Thanks be to God.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen** **(2 Corinthians 13:14)**