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**Chapel Booklet**  
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# Morning Chapel 1

*Remain seated*

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## Glory to God in the Highest

*The congregation sings the Glory to God in the Highest on CW page 176 or 191.*

## Introduction to the Gospel

*Stand*

## Gospel

*After the reading of the Gospel:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Hymn

*Stand. Special prayers may be added.*

## Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts, that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

# Morning Chapel 2

*Remain seated*



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



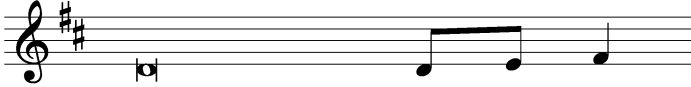
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

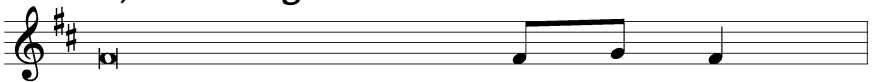


Jesus Christ is Lord of all:

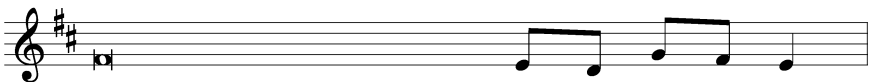


praise and thanks to God!

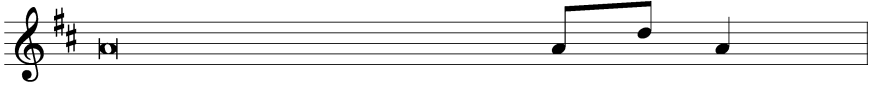
## O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord



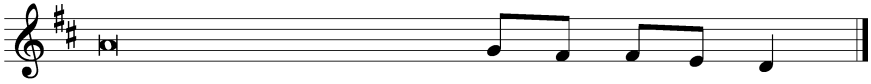
1 O come, let us sing	to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a	great _____ God
3 The sea is his, for he	made _____ it,



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of	our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great	king a - bove all gods.
3 and his hand	formed the dry _____ land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow \_\_\_\_ down,
- 4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
- 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of his  
pasture and the sheep of his \_\_\_\_ hand.

## Reading

### Hymn

*Stand. Special prayers may be added.*

### Luther's Morning Prayer

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### Blessing

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

# Morning Chapel 3

*Remain seated*

O Lord, open my lips,  
And my mouth shall declare your praise.

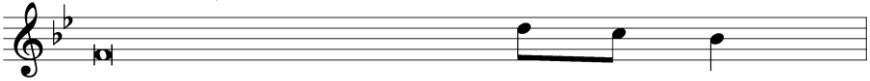
Hasten to save me, O God;  
O Lord, come quickly to help me.

Jesus Christ is Lord of all:  
Praise and thanks to God!

## Hymn

### Reading

#### We Praise You, O God



1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,  
3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise\_\_\_ you.



1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full\_\_\_ of your glo - ry.  
3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,  
2 The glorious company of apostles praise\_\_\_ you.  
3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:  
2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise\_\_\_ you.  
3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



5 When you became man to set us free,  
6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 You overcame the sting of death  
6 We believe that you will come

5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to be our judge.

7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,

7 bought with the price of your own blood,

7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

*Special prayers may be added.*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

# Morning Chapel 4

*Remain seated*

Hasten to save me, O God.  
**O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
**Praise him in the heights above.**

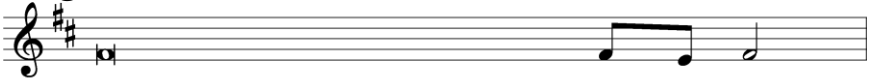
Sing to the Lord a new song,  
**His praise in the assembly of his faithful people.**

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
**Praise him in his mighty heavens.**

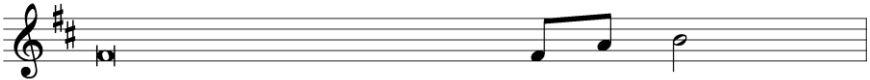
## Hymn

## Reading

### Song of Zechariah



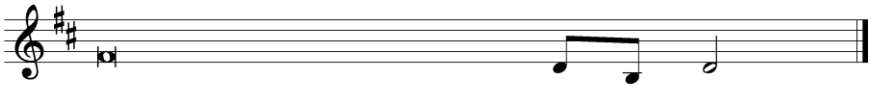
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|---|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Praise be to the Lord, the God of                 | Is - ra - el;  |
| 2 | Through his holy prophets he promised of old      | en - e - mies, |
|   | that he would save us from our                    |                |
| 3 | This was the oath he swore to our father          | A - bra - ham: |
| 4 | You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the | Most High,     |
| 5 | In the tender compassion                          | of our God,    |



- |   |                                                        |                |
|---|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | he has come to his people and                          | set them free. |
| 2 | from the hands of all who                              | hate us.       |
| 3 | to set us free from the hands of our                   | en - e - mies, |
| 4 | for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare his way, |                |
| 5 | the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,          |                |



- |   |                                                                    |            |
|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | He has raised up for us a mighty                                   | Sav - ior, |
| 2 | He promised to show mercy to our                                   | fa - thers |
| 3 | free to worship him with                                           | out fear,  |
| 4 | to give his people knowledge of sal - va - tion                    |            |
| 5 | to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shad - ow of death |            |



1 born of the house of his servant Da - vid.  
2 and to remember his holy cov - e - nant.  
3 holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
4 by the forgiveness of their sins.  
5 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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*Stand. Special prayers may be added.*

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.**

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.  
**Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, show us your love and mercy,  
**For we have put our trust in you.**

## 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## Blessing

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.  
**May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

# Morning Chapel 5

*Remain seated*

I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
“**Let us go to the house of the Lord.**”

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!  
**Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
**To all who call on him in truth.**

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*A psalm may be sung.*

## Introduction to the Gospel

*Stand*

### Gospel

*After the reading of the Gospel:*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

*Be seated*

## Hymn

*Special prayers may be added.*

## Prayer

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;  
**In your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief.**

Spare us, Lord, from the lies of the devil and the attacks of our  
conscience. Comfort and save us in your patient compassion.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

Guide us, Lord, to the wisdom of your Word and the power of your  
promises. Take away our confusion and doubt.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

Hear us, Lord, when we come to you in prayer. Make us confident to  
take you at your word and to follow you in faith.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

Empower us, Lord, to walk in your ways and live in your truth. Fill us  
with your love, that we may love you and one another.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

## Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy  
Spirit—bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

# Morning Chapel with Choir

*Remain seated*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;  
**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

The LORD has made his salvation known  
**And revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel;  
**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

## Hymn or Psalm

## Reading

## Choir Anthem

*Special prayers may be added.*

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are the right hand and holy arm that have worked salvation for our God. In love you reached out to this fallen world, and now your salvation extends to the ends of the earth. Move us, together with all your people, to sing for joy before you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Blessing

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.  
**Amen.**

# Service of Prayer before Traveling

*Remain seated*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?  
**My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;  
**Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
**The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;  
**The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

## Hymn

## Reading

*Stand. Special prayers may be added.*

## Prayer

Lord God, we pray for all who travel. Send your holy angels to accompany those preparing to depart. Provide peace to anxious hearts. Hold your protecting hand over those traveling by highway or byway, across mighty seas, or through the air. According to your mercy and will, enable them to safely reach their destination. Bless all our travels until, at last, you bring us to our heavenly home.

**Amen.**

## 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

**Amen.**

# Service of Confession and Absolution

*Remain seated*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may love you and praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

## Reading

*Stand*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**The maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**Almighty God, merciful Father,**

**I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.**

**In what I have done and left undone,**

**I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.**

**I have not loved others as you command.**

**For this I deserve your punishment now and forever.**

**I am sorry for my sins.**

**I repent of them.**

**I beg for your mercy.**

*Silence for reflection*

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

**Cleanse me from my sins.**

**Release me from my guilt.**

**Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven.” Do you believe this?



**Yes, I believe.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

**Amen.**

## **Exhortation**

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

**Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

*Special prayers may be added.*

## **Prayer**

Let us pray.

God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself. We thank you for the precious gift of forgiveness. Refresh us with the joy of our salvation, that we may walk in the way of peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Renew our minds and wills, that daily we may speak your word of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Go in peace. Christ Jesus has set you free.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Evening Chapel 1

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**The light no darkness can overcome.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**And the day is almost over.**

Be our light and scatter the darkness  
**And hear our evening hymn of praise.**

Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us, and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. By your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

## Reading

*Following the Reading, an anthem may be sung.*

*Special prayers may be added.*

## 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

# Evening Chapel 2

O Lord, open my lips.

**And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

Hasten to save me, O God.

**O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

## Reading

*Following the Reading, an anthem may be sung.*

*Special prayers may be added.*

## Prayer for Peace

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us: his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us.

**Amen.**

# Evening Chapel 3

O Lord, teach us your ways.

**That we may walk in your truth.**

You comfort and help us day by day.

**We trust your loving care.**

You are the King of heaven and earth.

**We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, you invite us to pray and promise that where two or three come together in your name, there you are with us. Answer our prayers, and fulfill our desires according to your wisdom and love. Strengthen us in the knowledge of your truth, and grant us life everlasting.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

## Reading

*Following the Reading, an anthem may be sung.*

*Special prayers may be added.*

## Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**Amen.**