



*Like a Mighty Stream, Let Justice Roll.
Absalom, Jehu and Beyond...*

MORNING PRAYER

MONDAY & TUESDAY, JULY 24 & 25, 2017

AFRICAN DESCENT LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION & THE UNION OF BLACK EPISCOPALIANS

GATHERING

A hymn may be sung.

SENTENCE

At the invitation of the Officiant all who are able stand. One or more of the sentences of scripture are read.

Leader So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. –Ephesians 2:19

Leader Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:6-7

Leader As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. –Psalm 42:1-2

Leader Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. -Luke 12:27

Leader I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." -Psalm 122:1

Silence is kept for a time.

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Leader Come, let us return to God and say;

People ***Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Silence is kept for a time.

Leader May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING

Leader We are called in the morning

People ***to turn our hearts to you.***

PRAYER

Leader God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;

People ***courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting, O God, that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you for ever in the next. Amen.***

PRAISE

Leader Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in your midst!

People ***Our eyes shall be opened! The presence will have new meaning, and the future will be bright with hope. Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One who is our wisdom and our strength. We place ourselves before our God, that we may be touched and cleansed by the power of God's Spirit.***

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017

Psalm 52

V. You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness against the godly all day long?

R. ***You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, O worker of deception.***

V. You love evil more than good and lying more than speaking the truth.

R. ***You love all words that hurt, O you deceitful tongue.***

V. Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

R. ***The righteous shall see and tremble, and they shall laugh at you, saying,***

V. "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness."

R. ***But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.***

V. I will give you thanks for what you have done

R. ***and declare the goodness of your name in the presence of the godly.***

GOSPEL READING: MARK 4:1-20

Reader A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Again Jesus began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that 'they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven.'" And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

Reader Here ends the reading.

MEDITATION

The final fruitfulness of work is actually found by choosing and living its exact opposite —the cessation of work — or the Sabbath rest. Unless approximately one-seventh of life is also easing from work, putting spaces, paragraphs, and parentheses around my efforts, work always becomes compulsive, addictive, driven, unconscious, and actually counter-productive for the self and for those around us. We also need not to work. -Richard Rohr

Today, how will we cease from work?

REFLECTION

*The Officiant may offer a brief reflection.
The liturgy continues with the Affirmation on page 6*

Psalm 34:1-8

V. I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

R. ***I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.***

V. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt the name of God together.

R. ***I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.***

V. Look upon God and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

R. ***I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.***

V. The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear God and will deliver them.

R. ***Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God!***

GOSPEL READING: MARK 1:14-20

Reader A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Reader Here ends the reading.

MEDITATION

You will know when it is time to bring to birth the new creation. The signs will be all around you, urging, insisting: Now is the time. You have to know just when to bear down and concentrate on one thing only. It takes labor, hard, hard labor to bring to birth something new.

-Miriam Therese Winter

What is God calling forth from us? How will we labor to birth what God calls for?

REFLECTION

The Officiant may offer a brief reflection.

AFFIRMATION

Leader Together we stand to affirm our faith.

People ***We believe in God, who loves us and wants us to love each other. This is our God. We believe in Jesus, who cared for children and held them in his arms. He wanted a world where everyone could live together in peace. This is Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who keeps working with us until everything is good and true. This is the Holy Spirit. We can be the church, which reminds people of God because we love each other. This we believe. Amen.*** ¹⁴⁵

A hymn may be sung.

THE PRAYERS

L. As we begin our day,

P. ***Give us your peace.***

L. As we pause this morning,

P. ***Give us your peace.***

L. As we do the work you have given us to do,

P. ***Give us your peace.***

L. For all places of need in this world,

P. ***Give us your peace.***

L. In trusting you, O God, to care for your children,

P. ***Give us your peace.***

L. As we seek wholeness,

P. ***Give us your peace.***

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

L. As we reflect on your presence,

P. ***Let us be peace for others.***

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader As our Savior taught us so we pray.

People ***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.***

CLOSING PRAYERS

One or more of the following prayers is led by the Officiant.

Leader 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.

Leader O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Leader Holy God, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking:

People ***Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

A hymn may be sung.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Leader Holy One, we are too often blinded by trivial matters. Lord, may our attention be diverted now from these things, and may we become as little children, trusting and seeking with love to cross bridges that we have not crossed in the past.

Leader ***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.***

GOING OUT

Leader We are called in the morning

People ***to turn our hearts to you.***

MUSIC

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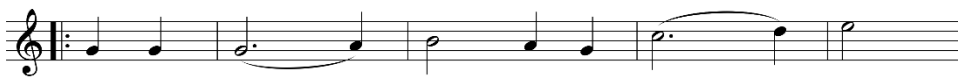
"GIVE ME JESUS"



1. I heard my moth-er say, I heard my moth-er
2. Dark mid- night was my cry, Dark mid- night was my
3. Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to



say, I heard my moth-er say, Give me Je - sus.
cry, Dark mid- night was my cry, Give me Je - sus.
die, Oh, when I come to die, Give me Je - sus.



Give me Je - sus. Give me Je - sus,



You may have all this world, Give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual
Tune: GIVE ME JESUS, 666 4 with refrain; African American spiritual

"JESUS REMEMBER ME"



Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.
Je-sús, re-cuér-da-me cuan-do en-tres en tu Rei-no.



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Je-sús, re-cuér-da-me cuan-do en-tres en tu Rei-no.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community, 1981

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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"JESUS LOVE ME! THIS I KNOW"

Verses



1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2. Je - sus loves me! This I know, As he loved so long a - go,
3. Je - sus loves me, He who died Heav-en's gate to o - pen wide;



1. Lit - tle ones to him be-long; They are weak but he is strong.
2. Tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, Say - ing, "Let them come to me."
3. He will wash a - way my sin, Let his lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!
¡Sí, Cris - to me a - ma! ¡Sí, Cris - to me a - ma!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.
¡Sí, Cris - to me a - ma! La Bi - blia di - ce a - sí.

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THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE



1. This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine,
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine,
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it shine,



This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine;
Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it shine;



This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine,
Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it shine,



Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African-American spiritual

Tune: African-American spiritual; harm. by Horace Clarence Boyer

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"I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER"

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
 3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1.
 riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in my
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

2.
 soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.

Text: Congregational Praise Song
 Tune: PEACE LIKE A RIVER, 7710, Congregational Praise Song
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“TRUST AND OBEY”

1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a
2 Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our
3 But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love un - til
4 Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a - bides with us
toil he will rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a
all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows and the joy he be -
walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will

Refrain

still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.
cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
stows are for them who will trust and o - bey.
go—nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

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