

MORNING PRAYER
WEDNESDAY AFTER THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
ILIFF SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Voluntary Prelude on *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Opening Sentence

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand as able

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.

Antiphon (*Officiant and People*): The Lord has shown forth glory: Come let us adore.

Jubilate (*Psalms 100*) "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" *United Methodist Hymnal* #75

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Psalms 72 (*Recited responsively, the officiant alternating with the congregation at the asterisk*)

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,*
and your righteousness to the king's offspring.

² May the ruler judge your people with righteousness,*
and your poor with justice.

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,*
and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ May the ruler defend the cause of the poor of the people,*

give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May the ruler prosper while the sun endures,*
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶ May the ruler be like rain that falls on the mown grass,*
like showers that water the earth.

⁷ During the ruler's days may righteousness flourish*
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

⁸ May the ruler have dominion from sea to sea,*
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

⁹ May foes bow down,*
and enemies lick the dust.

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render tribute,*
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts.

¹¹ May all rulers render obeisance,*
all nations render service.

¹² For God's just ruler delivers the needy when they call,*
the poor and those who have no helper.

¹³ Such a ruler has pity on the weak and the needy,*
and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence God's ruler redeems their life;*
and precious is their blood in God's sight.

¹⁵ Long may God's agent live!
May gold of Sheba be proffered.*
May prayer be made on behalf of God's servant continually,
and blessings invoked all the day long.

¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain in the land;
may it wave on the tops of the mountains;*
may its fruit be like Lebanon;
and may people blossom in the cities
like the grass of the field.

¹⁷ May the ruler's name endure for ever,
the ruler's fame continue as long as the sun.*
May all nations be blessed in God's emissary;
may they pronounce God's messenger happy.

¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,*
who alone does wondrous things.

¹⁹ Blessed be God's glorious name for ever!*

and may God's glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

At the end of the Psalm is said responsively

Glory to God the Creator, and to God the Redeemer, and to the God the Sustainer *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lesson

Reader: A Reading from Isaiah 6:1-8.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty;
and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each
had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet,
and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house
filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips,
and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of
hosts!’

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

The Word of
the Lord.
People Thanks be to
God.

Canticle

Introduction

The Reverend Dr. Tom Wolfe, President

The Creed New Zealand Prayer Book

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
Your love for us in Jesus Christ,
Who lived and died and rose again.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship You.
Amen.

The Prayers

The People stand as able

Officiant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

The Lord's Prayer:

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver:
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.

Amen

Adaptation of the Lord's Prayer from the *New Zealand Prayer Book*

Suffrages

The people respond to versicles (V.) with R.

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collects

O 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.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Reconciler 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 just rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Hymn "The Voice of God is Calling" *United Methodist Hymnal* 436 *Meirionydd*

Officiant and people (A Prayer of John 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.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Voluntary

Fuga (*Sonata no. 2*)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Participants

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