

† HOME SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER †
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2020

PRELUDE

Liebster Jesu

J. S. Bach

INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth shall declare Your praise. (*Psalm 51:15*)

P Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C O come, let us worship Him.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*from Psalm 25*)

P Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths;

**C guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior,
and my hope is in You all day long.**

P Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

C Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;

P according to Your love remember me, for You are good, O Lord.

**C Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in His
ways.**

P He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way.

OFFICE HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word we are gathered all to hear You.

Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear You,
by Your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love You solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till Your Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.

Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open now our heart and mind; help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises; hear and bless our prayers and praises.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty God, You lifted up Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and confess in heaven and on earth that "Jesus is Lord"; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

P Blessed are You, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven, and above all to be praised and glorified forever.

C Praise and magnify His name forever.

P At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow;

C and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose

name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Here is Bread

Graham Kendrick

SERMON

"A Word for Today"

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need:

P Give Your church unity throughout the world. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that Your love may be at work in us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Your Son took on the form of our life on earth. Preserve and keep Your creation, O God. Repair and renew places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation reflects Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust Your authority. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Our lives are Yours, O God. Defend those who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially all on our prayer line and those we remember before You now...(pause). Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bless ministries of care in our congregation and community, and make us into signs of Your mercy and justice for our neighbors. We praise You for the growing faith of our young people and ask Your blessing on all who seek to know You more. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We thank You for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us, whether likely or unlikely, quick to follow or slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to see Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else You see that we need, we entrust to
Your mercy; through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and
the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries,

"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call:

"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known
than "Jesus Christ be praised!"

There to th'eternal Word th'eternal psalm is heard:

"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Sing, sun and stars of space, sing ye that see His face,
sing "Jesus Christ be praised!"

God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and
be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

At the Name of Jesus

Kevin Hildebrand

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Special thanks to our additional participants in today's service:

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