



Remonstranten
Vrijzinnige Protestanten

Evening Prayer

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Easter

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV

Confession

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Opening Versicle

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>O God, be not far from us.</i>
<i>People</i>	<i>Come quickly to help us, O God.</i>

Doxology

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen. Alleluia*

Come bless the Lord

Scriptures for Singing

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in E-flat major (three flats). It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, and chords are indicated above the staff. The score is divided into measures by bar lines, with measure numbers 5, 9, and 13 marked at the beginning of their respective staves.

Staff 1: Come bless the Lord, All ye ser - vants of the Lord, (Chords: E $\flat$, B $\flat$)

Staff 2: Who stand by night, In the house of the Lord. (Chords: B $\flat$, Fm, B $\flat$ ⁷, E $\flat$)

Staff 3: Lift up your hands, In the Ho - ly Place, (Chords: E $\flat$, E $\flat$ ⁷, A $\flat$)

Staff 4: And bless the Lord. And bless the Lord. (Chords: A $\flat$ m, E $\flat$ /B $\flat$, B $\flat$ ⁷, E $\flat$, A $\flat$ /E $\flat$, E $\flat$)

The Lessons

A reading from the Acts Chapter beginning at the 14th verse

Acts 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People Thanks be to God.

HOLY IS HIS NAME

VERSES (♩ = ca. 84)

Melody

1. My soul pro-claims the great - ness of the Lord, —

2. He has mer - cy — in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.

Keyboard

1. and my spir - it — ex - ults in God my Sav - ior.

2. He has re-vealed — his pow - er and his glo - ry.

Text: Based on Luke 1:46–55; John Michael Talbot, b. 1954.

Music: John Michael Talbot.

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G D

1. For he has looked _____ with mer - cy on my low - li - ness,

2. He has cast down _____ the might - y in their ar - ro-gance,

A A7 D

1. and my name will be for - ev - er ex - alt - ed.

2. and has lift - ed up the meek and the low - ly.

G D

1. For the might - y God _____ has done great things for me, _____

2. He has come to help _____ his ser - vant Is - ra - el; _____

A

1. and his mer-cy _____ will reach from age to age. _____

D

2. he re-mem-bers _____ his prom-ise to our fa-thers.

***REFRAIN**

And ho - ly, ho - ly,

***Repeat Final Refrain.**

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke chapter 24
beginning at the 13th verse

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then 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?" He 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and 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. Some 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."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They 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?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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SONG OF SIMEON

Le Cantique de Simeon

Text from Luke 2:29-32
based on an English metrical setting
by Dewey Westra, 1931

Tune by Louis Bourgeois, 1551
Harmony and polyphonic setting
by Claude Goudimel, 1564
Edited by John E. Hamersma
and John D. Witvliet, 1997

$\text{♩} = 80$

Stanza 1A

S,A Now may your ser - vant, Lord,

Now may your ser - vant, Lord, ac - cord - ing to your word,

T,B

Now may your ser - vant, Lord,

de - part in ex - ul - ta - tion. My peace shall be se - rene,

for now my eyes have seen your won - der - ful sal - va - tion.

Stanza 1B

S,A Now may your ser - vant, Lord,

Now may your ser - vant, Lord, ac - cord - ing to your word,

T,B

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de - part in ex - ul - ta - tion. My peace shall be se - rene,

sal - va - tion.
for now my eyes have seen your won - der - ful sal - va - tion.

Stanza 2

S
You did for all pre - pare this gift so — great, so rare, ful -

A
You did for all pre - pare this gift so — great, so rare,

T cantus firmus
You did for all pre - pare this gift so great, so rare,

B
You did for all pre - pare this gift — so great, so rare, —

fill - ing proph - et's sto - ry: A light to show the way

ful - fill - ing proph-et's sto - ry: A light to show the way

ful - fill - ing proph-et's sto - ry: A light to

ful - fill - ing proph-et's sto - ry: A light to

The first system of the musical score consists of four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are arranged in a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass). The piano accompaniment is written for a grand piano (right and left hands). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "fill - ing proph - et's sto - ry: A light to show the way".

to Gen - tiles gone a - stray, and un - to

to Gen-tiles gone a - stray, to Gen-tiles gone a-stray, and un -

show the way to Gen-tiles gone a-stray,

show the way to Gen-tiles gone a-stray, and

The second system of the musical score continues the four-part vocal setting and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "to Gen - tiles gone a - stray, and un - to". The musical notation includes various note values, rests, and phrasing slurs, indicating the flow of the melody and harmony.

The Apostles 'Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Salutation

The officiant introduces the prayer

<i>Officiant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother parent 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 testing, 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 forever. Amen

The Suffrages

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and
offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be
condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the
communion of [_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one
another and all our life to Christ, *We entreat you, O Lord.*

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his
disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of
our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming
work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is
past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken
hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and
the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.
Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep
this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the
dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the
joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ri - sen from the tomb!
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life;

The first system of music consists of two staves, treble and bass, in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are numbered 1, 2, and 3, corresponding to the three parts of the hymn.

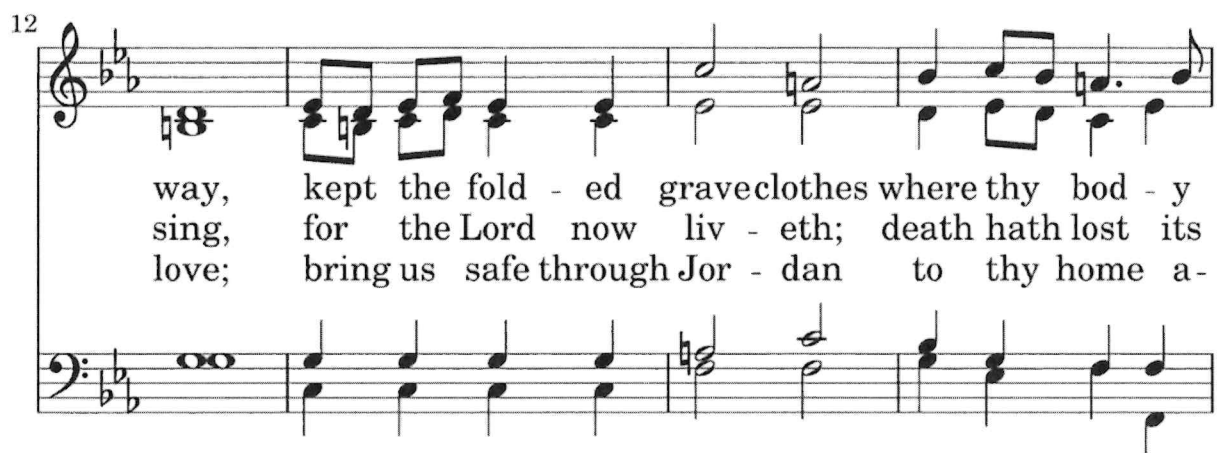
5 end-less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Lov-ing - ly he greets thee, scat-ters fear and gloom;
life is naught with-out thee; aid us in our strife;

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It begins with a measure rest of 5 measures. The lyrics continue with the same three-part structure.

9 An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a -
let his church with glad - ness hymns of tri-umph
make us more than con-qu'rors, through thy death-less

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. It begins with a measure rest of 9 measures. The lyrics conclude the hymn with the phrase 'make us more than con-qu'rors, through thy death-less'.

12



way, kept the fold - ed graveclothes where thy bod - y
sing, for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its
love; bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a-

16 *Refrain*



lay.
sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
bove.

21



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant and People

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.*

Then may be said

Let us bless our God. Alleluia, alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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