



Remonstranten
Vrijzinnige Protestanten

Evening Prayer

Thursday May 18, 2023



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We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 75:1

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

Officiant

O God, be not far from us.

People

Come quickly to help us, O God

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*

Evening Psalm

Come bless the Lord

Scriptures for Singing

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with rests at the beginning of each line. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Eb, Bb, Fm, Bb7, Eb, Eb7, Ab, Abm, Eb/Bb, Bb7, Eb, Ab/Eb, and Eb. The lyrics are: 'Come bless the Lord, All ye ser - vants of the Lord, Who stand by night, In the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands, In the Ho - ly Place, And bless the Lord. And bless the Lord.'

The Lessons

A reading from the Acts Chapter 1 beginning at the 1st verse

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving

instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People Thanks be to God.

Holy is His Name (hymn we have used before) 3 blz

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke chapter 24 beginning at the 44th verse

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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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

♩ = 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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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 consists of four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "fill - ing proph - et's sto - ry: A light to show the way". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

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 continues the musical piece. It features four vocal staves and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "to Gen - tiles gone a - stray, and un - to". The vocal parts continue with the same melodic and harmonic structure as the first system. The piano accompaniment maintains the harmonic foundation.

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.*

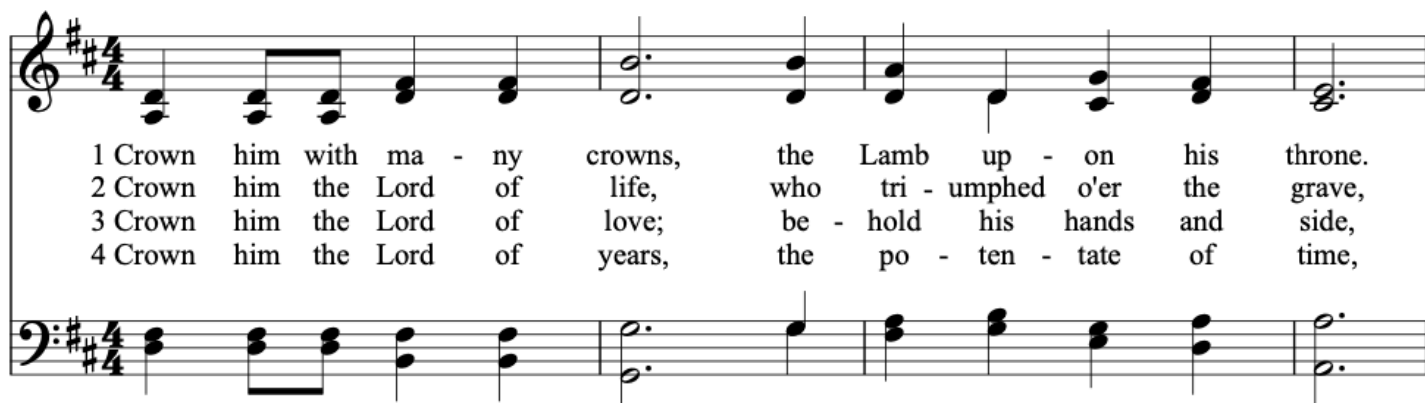
The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus
Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might
fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive
that, according to his promise, he abides with his
Church on earth, even to the end of the ages;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory
everlasting. *Amen.*

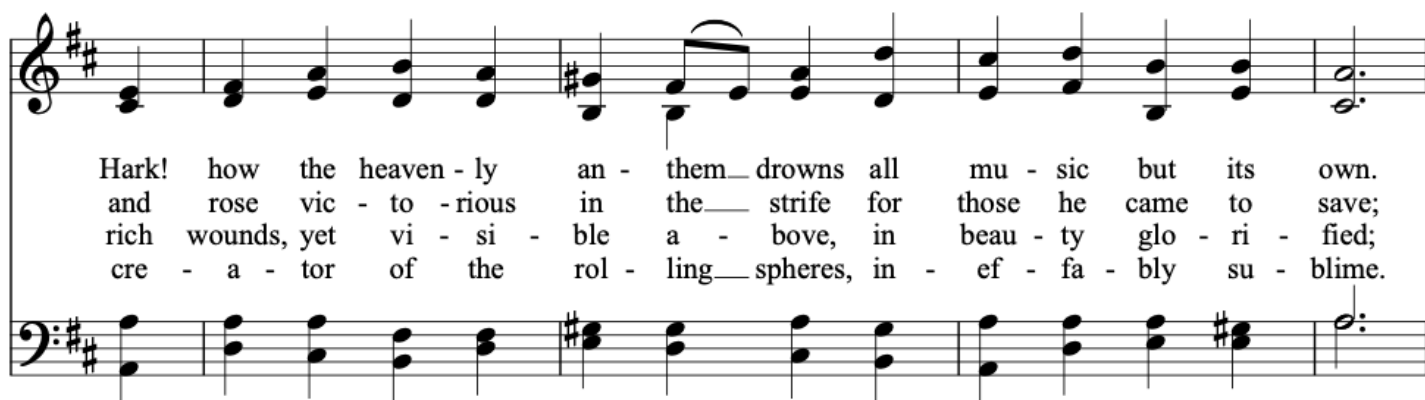
Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and
the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle
our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you
as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of
bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

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.*

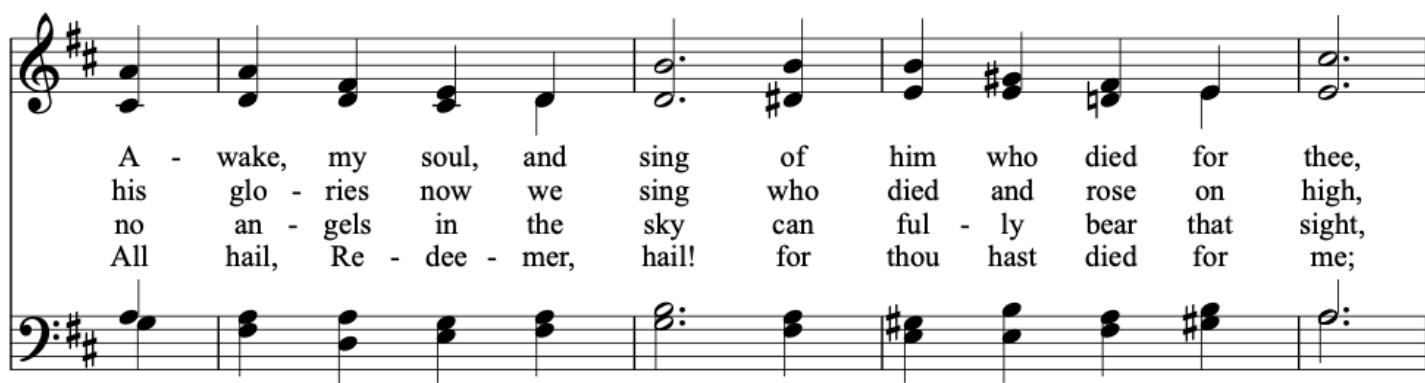
Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
3 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



Hark! how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save;
rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied;
cre - a - tor of the rol - ling spheres, in - ef - fa - bly su - blime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
his glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
no an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
All hail, Re - dee - mer, hail! for thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
but down - ward bends their bur - ning eye at my - ste - ries so bright.
thy praise shall ne - ver, ne - ver fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and
Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)
Tune: George J. Elvey (1816-1893)



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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*