

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, ANNAHILT

**THE ORDER FOR
MORNING PRAYER**

**SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2022
10.00 AM**

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Hymn CH 251

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me':

as of old apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more!'

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these!'

Jesus calls us! By your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give to you our heart's obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

The Gathering of God's People

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

‘To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by fulfilling his laws, which he set before us.’ *Daniel 9:9-10*

The Minister introduces the service in these words:

Beloved in Christ,
we come together to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Kneel

Silence is kept.

**Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Minister pronounces the absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

FIRST CANTICLE

VENITE PSALM 97 (V 1-7) TRADITIONAL

1 O come let us | sing un- to the Lord; ■
let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal|vation.
2 Let us come before his | presence · with | thanksgiving ■
and show ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.

3 For the Lord is a | great | God ■
and a great | King a·bove | all | gods.
4 In his hand are all the | corners · of the | earth ■
and the strength of the | hills is | his | also.
5† The sea is his and | he | made it, ■
and his | hands pre|pared the · dry | land.
6 O come let us worship and | fall | down ■
and kneel be|fore the | Lord our | Maker.
7 For he is the | Lord our | God; ■
and we are the people of his pasture, | and the | sheep of · his | hand.

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son: and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be | ginning is | now: and shall be for | ever. |
A- | men

Sit

FIRST READING

The Old Testament Reading is from the 2nd book of Kings
Chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

2Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.

6 Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets* also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

13 He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Stand

PSALM 77 (SAID)

- 1 I cry aloud to God; ♦
I cry aloud to God and he will hear me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I have sought the Lord; ♦
**by night my hand is stretched out and does not tire;
my soul refuses comfort.**
- 11 I will remember the works of the Lord ♦
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your works ♦
and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; ♦
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who worked wonders ♦
and declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 With a mighty arm you redeemed your people, ♦
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God;
the waters saw you and were afraid; ♦
the depths also were troubled.
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; ♦
your arrows flashed on every side;
- 18 The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the ground; ♦
the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, ♦
but your footsteps were not known.
- 20 You led your people like sheep ♦
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
**As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world
without end. Amen.**

Sit

The New Testament Reading is from the Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 9 beginning at verse 51

51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰But Jesus* said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶²Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Stand

SECOND CANTICLE

GLORY AND HONOUR

- 1 Glory and | honour · and | power ■
are yours by | right O | Lord our | God.
- 2 For you created | all things ■
and by your | will they | have their | being.
- 3 Glory and | honour · and | power ■
are yours by | right O | Lamb · for us | slain;
- 4 For by your blood you ransomed | us for | God ■
from every race and language
from | every | people · and | nation.
- 5 To make us a | kingdom of | priests, ■
to stand and | serve before our | God.
- 6 To him who sits on the throne and | to the | Lamb ■
be praise and honour, glory and might,
for ever and | ever. | A|men.

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Kneel

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The versicles and responses may be said.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen
and grant her government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit

THE COLLECTS

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
Send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

**O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,
to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom:
Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,
that we, surely trusting in your protection,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God,
we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day:
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,
and in all things guide us to know and do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn CH 585

Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.

Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee our King most dear.

Jesus, for thy people dying,
risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
keep us to thy presence near.

Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
thou to us the truth declarest;
help us all thy truth to hear.

Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
we'll go on with thee beside us,
and with joy we'll persevere.

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray

Kneel

At the conclusion of the Prayers all say:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Stand

Hymn CH 383 (Tune CH 343)

Lord, be thy word my rule;
in it may I rejoice:
thy glory be my aim,
thy holy will my choice;

thy promises my hope;
thy providence my guard;
thine arm my strong support;
thyself my great reward.

Sit

THE SERMON

Stand

Hymn CH 605

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown ◡
in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer ◡
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean ◡
in you and you in me.

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound ◡
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts
and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus
Christ our Lord:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. *(All sing)* **Amen.**

Notices

Hymn CH 647

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Going Out as God's People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**Please remain seated following this service
until advised by a Churchwarden**