

Morning Prayer (Matins)

Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Feast of Saint Barnabas

GATHERING

DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY

The assembly stands.

The leader begins the dialogue, and the assembly responds, concluding with a doxology.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

By Word and water
God renews us this day
in the living fountain of God's grace
And raises us with Christ Jesus
To live a new life in the Spirit.

Satisfy us in the morning
with your steadfast love, O God
That we may sing for joy
And be glad all our days.

PSALM 95

Assembly sings the refrain only

Refrain

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion. 1 Let us come be-fore God's
pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing and raise a loud shout to the
Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great
God, and a great rul - er a - bove all gods.

Refrain

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion. 2 In your hand are the
cav - erns of the earth; the heights of the hills are al - so
yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your



hands have mold-ed the dry land.

Refrain



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion. 3 Come, let us wor-ship and bow



down; let us kneel be-fore the Lord our mak - er. For the

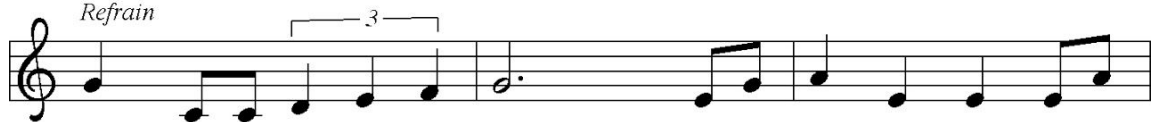


Lord is our God, and we are the peo-ple of God's



pas - ture and the sheep of God's hand.

Refrain



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



- rock of our sal - va - tion.

PSALM PRAYER

Come through the doors of our house, Lord.

Let us admit you whether we feel

worthy or unworthy,

holy or sinful,

faithful or wavering.

Come through the doors of our house just the same.

Come to the house of our hearts, Lord,

our searching hearts, our contented hearts,

our caring, giving, loving hearts,

our needy, angry, anxious hearts,

come to the house of our hearts in joy or pain.

Come to the house of our days, Lord,

our happy days, our hurting days,

our bitter days, our bright days,

our struggling, sorrowing, sad days,

come to the house of our days in sun or in rain.

Come to the house of our world, Lord,

our wondrous world, our wounded world,

our teeming world, our tortured world,

our singing, shouting, crying world,

come to the house of our world, and let us be changed.

And let all God's people say:

Amen.

READING

The assembly may be seated as they are able. Some may choose to remain standing.

A reading from Isaiah:

55:1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

55:2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

55:3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

55:4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

55:5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

55:6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

55:7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

55:10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

55:11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The reading of scripture is followed by silence for reflection. Other forms of reflection may also follow, such as brief commentary, teaching, or personal witness; non-biblical readings; interpretation through music or other art forms; or guided conversation among those present.

RESPONSORY

The reflection may conclude with a scriptural dialogue. When it is sung, the following or a similar tone may be used, the assembly echoing the leader.

Come, Come, Whoever you are
Come, Come, Whoever you are

Wanderer, Worshipper, lover of leaving ... it doesn't matter.
Come, Come, Whoever you are

Ours is not a caravan of despair.
Come, Come, Whoever you are

Come, even if you have broken your vow a hundred times
Come, Come, Whoever you are

Come, Come again, Come.
Come, Come, Whoever you are

The assembly rises as they are able.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The ris - ing sun will vis - it us ___

___ with heal - ing in its wings. ___

PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Other thanksgivings may be added.

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Other intercessions may be added.

The prayers may conclude with the following collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is sung or spoken. The leader may introduce the prayer.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

A large bowl or other open container of water may be placed in the midst of those who are gathered. The assembly may gather standing around the water. A candle may also be lighted and placed near the water. Those present may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader, who is standing at the water, begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

One of the following or another appropriate scripture passage is read.

A reading from the Psalms:

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. (*Psalm 29:3, 11*)

The leader addresses those who are gathered.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,
for you created the waters of the earth:
wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty waters,
the waters that we call to mind now with prayers of thanksgiving. . .

*The Atlantic Ocean,
The Pacific Ocean,
The Indian Ocean...*

*The Sea of Galilee in Israel,
Cayos Cochinos in Honduras,
Amensee in Switzerland,
The Great Lakes in The United States,
Lake Nakuru in Kenya,
Laguna Verde in Bolivia...*

*Yosemite Falls,
Niagara Falls,
The Large Waterfall in Plitvice, Croatia,
Tahquamenon Falls...*

And we pray for water sources in the world that are contaminated,
and organizations working to provide clean water throughout the world

*Flint, Michigan,
Waterways in Haiti, Ghana, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh
For the Water Project, Charity Water, and Miya...*

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.
You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.
Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.
Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

As a reminder of the gift of baptism, those present may be sprinkled with water during this time. Assembly singing accompanies the sprinkling rite.

SONG

“As I Went Down in the River to Pray”

This folk song may be led unaccompanied by a song leader.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line starts with a 4/4 time signature, followed by a 2/4 time signature, and ends with a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "As I went down to the riv - er to pray, stud - y - ing a - bout that good old way. And who shall wear the star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the way. Oh *broth - er let's go down, come on down, don't you want to go down? Oh broth - er, let's go down, down to the riv - er to pray." The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

As I went down to the riv - er to pray,
stud - y - ing a - bout that good old way. And who shall wear the
star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the way.
Oh *broth - er let's go down, come on down, don't you
want to go down? Oh broth - er, let's go down,
down to the riv - er to pray.

**Sister, father, mother.*

Text: American folk song
Tune: American folk song; arr. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

The order concludes with this or another suitable blessing.

BLESSING

Almighty God,
who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and forgives us all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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