

MORNING PRAYER

Friday, July 3, 2026

Opening Dialogue and Doxology

Opening Hymn “Here in this Place” GATHER US IN

[Gather Us In \(Arr. J. Ferguson\)](#) – St. Olaf Choir

Text and Music: Marty Haugen, 1979

Sequence Hymn “Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire” WINCHESTER OLD

[Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire](#) – Choral Arts Society of Washington Chamber Singers

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740

Music: Est’s *Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1592; harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.***

Scripture Reading Romans 8:12-17

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle “Children of the Heavenly Father” TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

[The Concordia Choir -Children of the Heavenly Father arr. René Clausen - YouTube](#) – Concordia Choir

Text: Carolina Sandell, 1855

Tune: Swedish Folk Song

****Intercessions:**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Where ignorance, self-love and insensitivity have fractured life in community,
Give your light, O God of love.

Where injustice and oppression have broken the spirit of peoples,
Give your light, O God who frees.

Where hunger and poverty, illness and death have made life an unbearable burden,
Give your light, O God of grace.

Where suspicion and hatred, conflict and war have challenged your goodness,
Give your light, O God of peace.

Eternal God, open the eyes of nations and peoples
so that they may walk in the light of love;
remove the ignorance and stubbornness of nations and peoples
so that they may drink from the fountains of your goodness.
Amen.

Our Father. . . Plainsong, adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)
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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.****

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father, +the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

*From "Concerning the Scriptures", #602, United Methodist Hymnal, 1989.

**Book of Common Prayer. New York: Church Publishing, 2007, p. 206.

****From *In Spirit and in Truth: Prayers to the Holy Spirit*. World Council of Churches, 1991, p. 23. [All prayers in this book are presented in English, German, French, and Spanish.]

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