

## MORNING PRAYER

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

*He will be great in the sight of the Lord and will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb; and many will rejoice at his birth. Luke 1:15,14*

### Opening Dialogue and Doxology

**Opening Hymn**      "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"      DEO GRACIAS

[O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High - DEO GRACIAS](#) – First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, NE

Stanzas 1,3,5,6,7

Text: Thomas a Kempis 15<sup>th</sup> c.

Tune: "Agincourt Song" c. 1415

**Morning Psalm 15**      "Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House"      RIDGEMOOR

Text and Tune: Christopher Webber, 1986\*\*

### Scripture Reading

Romans 4:13-25; Luke 1:57-80

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Canticle

"Benedictus"\*\*\*

Lisa L. Stafford

Text: Luke 1: 68-79

Music: Lisa L. Stafford, 2005, World Library Publications

### \*Intercessions:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;

**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**Our Father. . .**

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

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### **Collect**

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

May Jesus Christ, who has come for our salvation and who is coming again in glory, guide and protect us this day.

**Amen.**

\*Book of Common Prayer. New York: Oxford University Press, p. 97-100.

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