

Morning Prayer  
in preparation for  
The March for Life



# Praise to the Lord the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord; who o'er all things so glo - rious - ly reign - eth:  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de - fend thee;  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion:  
borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his saints he sus - tain - eth.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall ev - er at - tend thee;  
All that hath life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him!



join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and song,  
Hast thou not seen how all thou need - est hath been  
pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,  
Let the A - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;



sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); trans. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.  
Music: *Lobe den Herrn*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665

## **Hymn: Blessed Be Your Name**

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

(chorus)

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

(bridge)

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord  
Blessed be Your name, Lord

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*Officiant*

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life.

*Deuteronomy 30:19-20a*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the People*

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and others, those things necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, come with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

*Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
we have followed too much the deceits and desires of our own hearts.  
we have offended against your holy laws.  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared  
to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

*The Archbishop alone stands and says*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, open our lips;
<i>People</i>	And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
<i>Officiant</i>	O God, make speed to save us;
<i>People</i>	O Lord, make haste to help us.
<i>Officiant</i>	Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
<i>People</i>	As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
<i>Officiant</i>	Praise the Lord.
<i>People</i>	The Lord's name be praised.
<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord has shown forth his glory:
<i>People</i>	O come, let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

*Be Joyful*

*Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*  
serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The LORD himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the LORD is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Officiant*     The Lord has shown forth his glory:  
*People*         O come, let us adore him.

## **The Psalms Appointed**

*The Psalms are read responsively by half verse.*

### **Psalm 8**

*Domine, Dominus noster*

- 1 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**Psalm 139:1-17**

*Domine, probasti*

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number  
than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to  
be like yours.

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.

## The Lessons

The Lesson: Genesis 1:26-31

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.



## O God, our help in ages past

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all its sons a - way  
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.  
 be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-5

Music: *St. Anne*, melody attr. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Lesson: Luke 18:1-8

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

# Take My Life and Let it Be

Take my life and let it be con - se - cra - ted Lord, to thee;  
Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;

take my mom - ents and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my will and make it tine, it shall be no long - er mine.

Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt.  
Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

## Sermon

### The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.

### **Testimony:**

### **The Prayers**

*☒he People kneel or stand.*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And with your spirit.  
*Officiant*        Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant and People*

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, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

*After each bidding, the people are invited to offer their prayers silently or aloud.*

I bid your prayers for the Church and for the world, that those who confess God's name may safeguard, with faith and joy, the dignity of all people.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

I bid your prayers for a greater reverence for the sanctity of all life, that we may further the work of God's kingdom here on earth.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

I bid your prayers for all who are vulnerable, especially unborn children, made in your divine image. Pray that they be brought safely to birth, and that they be kept from the scourge of abortion.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

I bid your prayers for repentance, pardon, and healing to all parents of aborted children, to all those who have aided in abortions, and to all those who have failed to help women in crisis pregnancies.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

I bid your prayers for all who care for expectant mothers, that their skills may be used for health and healing.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

I bid your prayers for a proper respect for all people with disabilities, that we may proclaim with fervor that they are a good and perfect gift, made in God's image.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

I bid your prayers for the sick, troubled, weak, and dying, that they may be granted the joy of salvation and the grace of the Holy Spirit.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

I bid your prayers for our leaders: that they may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and maintain true religion.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

I bid your prayers for all who work to promote the cause of life, that not only laws, but hearts and minds be changed to affirm the dignity of all people.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

I bid your prayers in thanksgiving for all who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*Officiant*

O God, who adorns creation with splendor and beauty and fashions human lives in your image and likeness, awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of human life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Offertory Hymn: Be Thou My Vision**

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# Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom and thou my true word,  
3 Be thou my breast - plate, my sword for the fight;  
4 Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise;  
5 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



nought be all else to me, save that thou art;  
I ev - er with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my whole ar - mor, and thou my true might;  
thou mine in - her - i - tance now and al - ways;  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther, and I thy true son;  
thou my soul's shelt - ter, and thou my strong tower;  
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwel - ling, and I with thee one.  
O raise me heaven - ward great Power of my Power.  
High King of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 8th century; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.  
Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Officiant and People*

Almighty Father, you created us in your image and love us with a perfect love: Grant us grace and strength in all our words and deeds, both today and throughout the year, to manifest your love for the most vulnerable and fragile in our midst, and for all who do not know you. As we March for Life, be present with us and work through us to extend your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Officiant*        Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

*Officiant*

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 forever and ever. *Amen.*

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

# O Church, arise



1 O Church, a-rise, and put your ar-mor on; hear the call of Christ our Cap-tain.  
2 Our call to war, to love the cap-tive soul, but to rage a-against the cap-tor;  
3 Come see the cross, where love and mer-cy meet, as the Son of God is strick-en;  
4 So Spi-rit come, put strength in ev-ery stride, give grace for ev-ery hur-dle,



For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has giv-en.  
and with the sword that makes the wound-ed whole, we will fight with faith and va-lor.  
then see his foes lie crushed be-neath his feet, for the Con-que-ror has ri-sen!  
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a ser-vant good and faith-ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a-against the de-vil's lies;  
When faced with trials on ev-ery side, we know the out-come is se-ure,  
And as the stone is rolled a-way, and Christ e-mer-ges from the grave,  
As saints of old still line the way, re-tell-ing tri-umphs of his grace,



an ar-my bold, whose bat-tle-cry is Love, reach-ing out to those in dark-ness.  
and Christ will have the prize for which he died, an in-he-ri-tanee of na-tions.  
this vic-tory march con-ti-nues till the Day ev-ery eye and heart shall see him.  
we hear their calls, and hun-ger for the day when with Christ we stand in glo-ry.

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