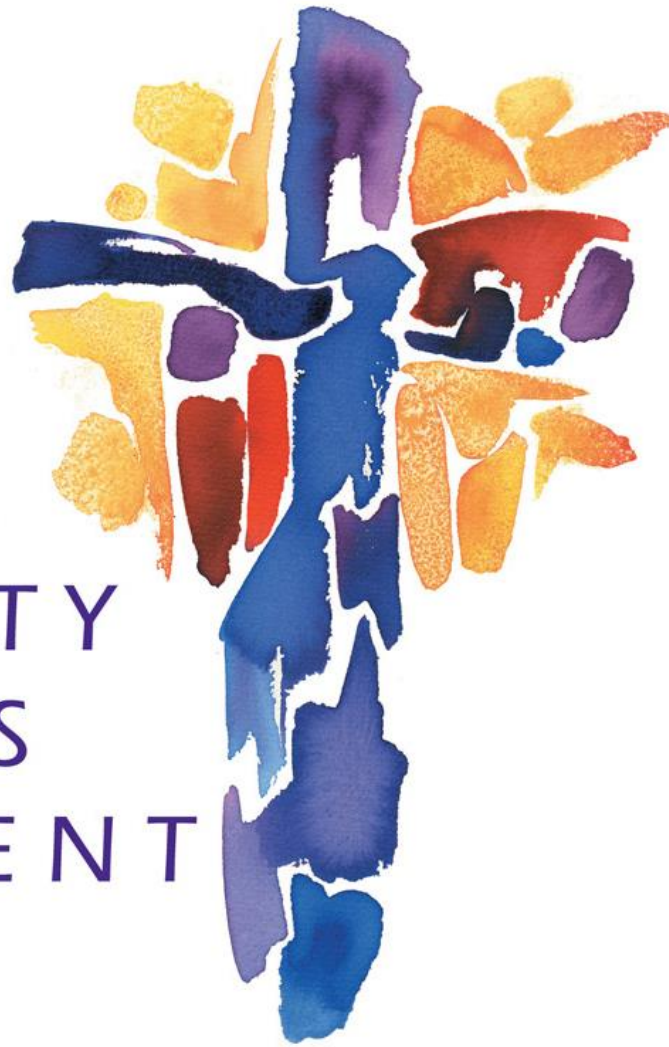


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# Sunday Morning Prayer

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**Prelude** Ich ruh zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ      **Johann Sebastian Bach**

*I call to You, Lord Jesus Christ! I beg, hear my complaint!  
Grant me grace at this time; let me not despair! The pure  
faith, Lord, I wish that You would give me: to live to You, to  
help my neighbor, and to keep Your Word faithfully.*

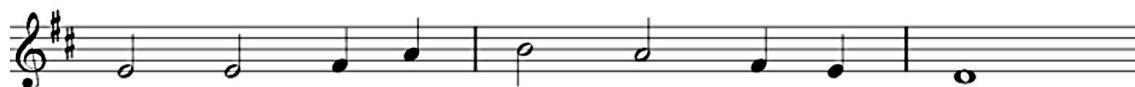
**Opening Hymn**      *Come, thou fount of every blessing,*      **Hymnal 686**  
*Nettleton*



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing,      tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure;      hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace!      Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come;      and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be!      Let thy good - ness, like a



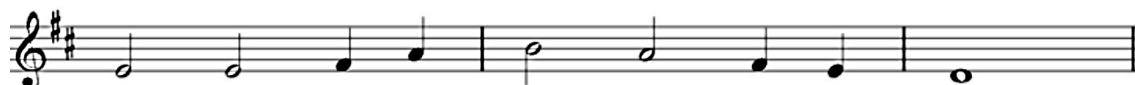
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove.      Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God;      he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love;      here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## The Opening Sentence

*Leader* Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

*Joel 2:13*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Leader* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

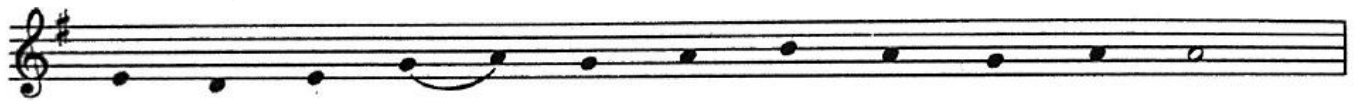
*Leader* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

# The Invitatory: Venite

# Plainsong



The Lord is full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy:



Come let us a - dore him.



1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our



sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing



and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a



great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are



the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so.



5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land.



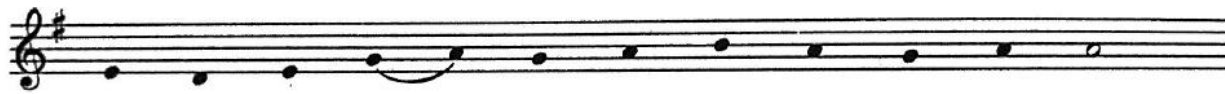
6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord



our Ma - ker. 7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture



and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would heark - en to his voice!



The Lord is full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy:



Come let us a - dore him.

*Then follows*

## Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Tone II.1



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good,\*  
and his mercy endures / for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has re/deemed proclaim\*  
that he redeemed them from the hand / of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the / lands;\*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north / and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to re/bellious ways;\*  
they were afflicted because / of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of / food\*  
and drew near / to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their / trouble,\*  
and he delivered them / from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and / healed them\*  
and saved / them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his / mercy\*  
and the wonders he does for / his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanks/giving\*  
and tell of his acts / with shouts of joy.

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son, \*  
and to the / Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is / now, \*  
and will be forev/er. Amen.

## The Readings

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### The First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

# Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

Frank W. Boles

Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are wor-thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you for the rad - iance of your

ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for e - ver.

Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jes-ty,

glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be-tween the

Che - ru-bim; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for e - ver.

*Descant*  
Glo - ry to you, Glo - ry to you,

Glo-ry to you, be - hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven,

Glo-ry to you, Glo - ry to you, Glo - ry  
glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly  
to you, we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you.  
Spi - rit; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for e - ver.



## The Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

# Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb

Frank W. Boles



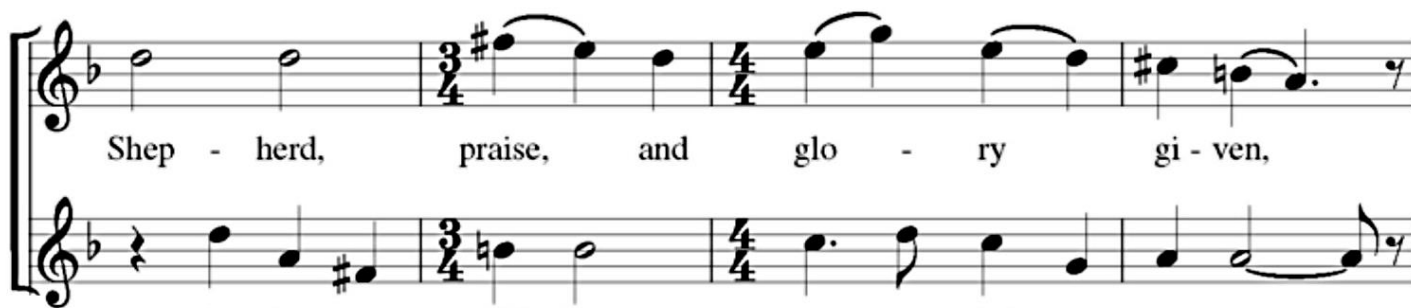
*Descant (Soprano/Tenor)*



1. Splen - dor and hon - or, ma - jes - ty and pow - er,  
 2. Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,  
 3. To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



are yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - ery bless - ing,  
 by whose self - off'r - ing we are made God's peo - ple:  
 and to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



for by your bid - ding was the whole cre - a - tion  
 a priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and na - tions,  
 be a - dor - a - tion, praise, and glo - ry gi - ven,

now and for e -

called in - to be - ing.

called to God's ser - vice.

now and for e -

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## The Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

*Reader* A Reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not

come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Sermon**

*The Reverend John Gardner*

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## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All* **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 power of 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.**

## The Prayers

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*Leader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Leader* Let us pray.

### The Lord's Prayer

*All* **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,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

### Suffrages B:

*Leader* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*People* **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Leader* Day by day we bless you;

*People* **We praise your name for ever.**

*Leader* Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*People* **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*People* **For we put our trust in you.**

Leader In you, Lord, is our hope;

**People And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Leader* Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Sundays**

*Leader* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

*Leader* O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*All* **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite**

**myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)

## **The Offertory / Parish Notices**

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*Good Morning and Thank you for joining us today. We miss seeing you in person, yet we are blessed to continue to worship with you each week.*

*As we continue to bring the church to you in the virtual world, we want to share with you somethings that are happening:*

*Morning Prayer continues each weekday at 9:00 am and Candlelight Compline on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Join us on Facebook Live.*

*CH@Ts will meet today to discuss the Lenten devotional sent home this season: Living Well through Lent: Listening with Our Heart and Mind and Soul.*

*Meeting ID: 937 9954 3941 Zoom Link: [Here](#)*

*If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do it during the Offertory, either by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or by pressing “Learn More” on our Facebook Page.*

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Leader* But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:4-5)

God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

### **Prayer for Mission**

*Leader*    Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

### **Prayers of the People, Lent**

*Leader*    Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

*Leader*    We pray for the church, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel our Bishop. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Finance Committee. In our companion diocese of Guatemala, we pray for Iglesia Episcopal San Felipe, (Saint Philip's Church), San Felipe de Lara, The Rev. Josélnés García and for all leaders, ministers and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through,

**People**    **And cleanse us from our sin.**

*Leader*    We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. Purge us from our sin,

**People**    **And we shall be pure.**

*Leader*    We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. For those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely, especially Barbara, Octavia, the Tokley Family, Jess, Brooke,



John, Peter, Barbara, Robert, Maggie, Rudi, Ruben, John, Nancy, Emily, Brad & Family, Natasha, Mihayo, MomMom Carol, Emily, Jennifer, Rayelenn, Gordon, Joel, Alyssa, Otis, Valeria, Beth, Devon, Eleanor, Julie, Janette, Jerry's Family, and those you wish to name. Make them hear of joy and gladness,

**People that those who are broken may rejoice.**

*Leader* We pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God,

**People and renew a right spirit within us.**

*Leader* We pray for those who have died, and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace, especially Bobby. Cast them not away from your presence,

**People and take not your Holy Spirit from them.**

*Leader* We pray the prayers our children and youth have asked for: for school: that those who are back in school will have fun and be safe, and for those who are waiting to go back will continue to have a good experience; for the vaccine: that all who want it will be able to get it soon, and for those who have side effects are allowed to have time to rest and feel better; for those who are still suffering from COVID, that they will get better; and for answering prayers. Give them the joy of your saving help,

**People and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.**

*Leader* We pray for those things for which we are thankful this week.

*Leader* Gracious God, because of your great love for the world you gave us your son; grant us the strength and wisdom believe in him that we would not perish but have eternal life. **Amen.**

## The General Thanksgiving

**All** 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.

*Leader* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Closing Sentence

*Leader* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*  
*Romans 15:13*

*All* **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
Cwm Rhondda*

Hymnal 690

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and ev - er - more. be thou still my strength and shield. I will ev - er give to thee.

**Postlude:** *Jesu, meine Freude*

**Johann Sebastian Bach**

*Jesus, my joy, my heart's desire, Jesus, my prize! Ah, how long has my heart been anxious and longed for You! Lamb of God, my Bridegroom, nothing on earth will be more precious to me than You!*

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