

Wednesday, July 7, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY
A Hymn Festival On The Lord’s Prayer

A hymn or song of praise reminds us of who God is and what we have been promised. And so, a hymn festival is an occasion centered on these hymns and songs of praise— songs sung in community gathering our prayer and praises into one.



Prayer is one of the central activities of a Christian. Jesus spent much time at prayer and also provided us with as many examples of prayer as with ways of providing space for the Spirit to pray.

This hymn festival reflects on each line of the Lord’s Prayer and offers a hymn to help meditate further on each of those lines.

The commentary helps to place the prayer into context with the help of text from a choral work named “The Cycle of the Year” by the German post-modern composer, Hugo Distler (1908-1942). The concept of this hymn festival is adapted from one presented at the 1990 Annual Conference of The Hymn Society in Charleston, SC.

Let us begin with a prayer of invocation from the Sarum Primer which serves as another lovely and simple model of prayer.

*God be in my Head
And in my understanding
God be in my eyes
And in my looking
God be in my mouth
And in my speaking
God be in my heart
And in my thinking
God be at my end
And at my departing*

Animators – Mark Russom, Dr. Tim Dobbin.

Organ and Piano – Michael Bloss

Words of Introduction

Organ

Vater unser in Himmelreich BWV 682

J.S. Bach

Prayer *(all respond at the bold text)*

Creator God,
because you make all that draws forth our praise
and the forms in which to express it,
we praise you.

Because you make artists of us all,
awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted,
grace to share these insights with others,
vision to reveal the future already in being,
we praise you.

Because you form your Word among us,
and in your great work embrace all human experience,
even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song,
we praise you.
Yours is the glory.
Amen.

Hymn – Vater unser im Himmelreich

WORDS: From Martin Luther, 1539. Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

MUSIC: Anon. Leipzig, 1539. VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH



Our Fa-ther, You in heav'n a-bove, who bids us to
Lord, all our tres-pass-es for-give, that they our hearts no
A-men! that is, so let it be! Con-firm our faith and
dwell in love, as mem-bers of one fa-mi-ly, and
more may grieve as we for-give their tres-pass-es who
hope in You that we may doubt not, but be-lieve that
cry in ev-ry need to You: Teach us to mean the
un-to us have done a-miss; So let us dwell in
what we ask we shall re-ceive; So in Your name, and
words we say and from the in-most heart to pray.
char-i-ty and serve each-oth-er will-ing-ly.
at Your word we say: A-men; O hear us Lord.

INTIMACY OF GOD

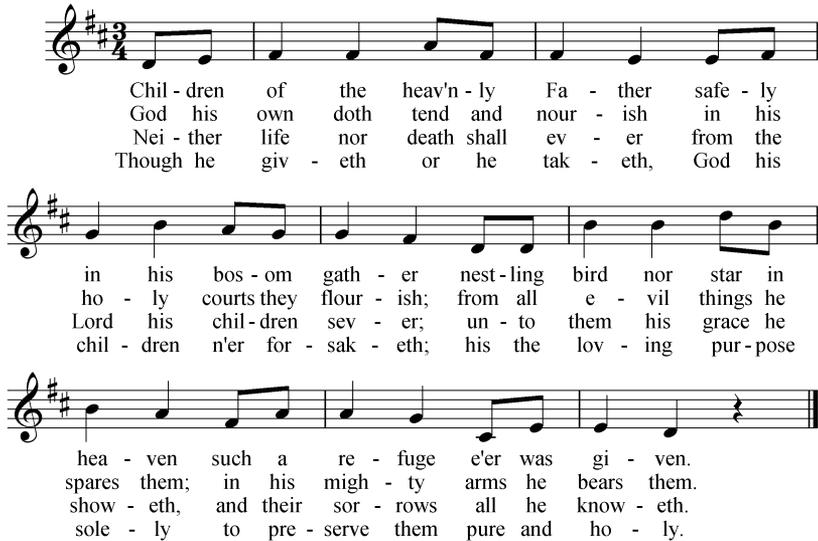
*Our Father, who from heaven above
has told us here to live in love
and with our fellow Christians share
our mutual burdens and our prayer,
teach us no thoughtless word to say
but from our inmost heart to pray.*

Commentary

Hymn – Children of the heavenly Father

TEXT: Caroline V. Sandell-Berg, 1855

MUSIC: Swedish melody



Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly
God his own doth tend and nour - ish in his
Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the
Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his
in his bos - om gath - er nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish; from all e - vil things he
Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he
chil - dren n'er for - sak - eth; his the lov - ing pur - pose
hea - ven such a re - fuge e'er was gi - ven.
spares them; in his migh - ty arms he bears them.
show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

HOLY NAME OF GOD

*Your name be hallowed. Help us Lord,
in purity to keep your Word
that to the glory of your name
we walk before you free from blame.
Let no false teaching us pervert;
all poor deluded souls convert.*

Commentary

Hymn – God, how many are a thousand

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillett, 1998.



God, how ma - ny are a___ thou-sand out of all the
God, we look to your vast_ hea - vens; con - stell - a - tions
God, in Christ, you showed that_ car - ing: You broke through our
Yet, O God, our world still_ sear - ches, long - ing for the
God, how joy - ful are a___ thou-sand when we Christ - ians

grains of___ sand, and how ma - ny are a___ thou - sand
seem to___ dance. In each a - tom is your_ de - tail,
time and_ space. Christ pro - claimed how much you___ love us,
peace you___ give. In this age when life is___ chan - ging,
join to___ sing! And how migh - ty are a___ thou - sand

of the stars that you com - mand? Lord, how awe - some
and you form the small - est___ plants. When we look back
show - ing your re - deem - ing___ grace. Je - sus healed the
teach us, Lord, in whom we___ live. Show a - gain Christ's
when we share the gifts we___ bring! Christ, we seek to

is the_ mean - ing of this new day shin ing_ bright, for we know a
through the_ a - ges, there we see your hand as___ well. Thank you, God, for
ones who suff - ered; he en - dured death's_ migh ty___ pain. In your time, you
ri - sen_ pres - ence, guide us by your Spi - rit's_ power. May we find the
work to - ge - ther; hand in hand you make us___ strong. Spi - rit help us

thou - sand_ years are as a mom - ent in your_ sight.
lov - ing___ car - ing for this world in which we___ dwell.
raised our___ Sa - viour; with him, life be - gins a - gain.
joy you___ of - fer, as we serve you ev - ery___ hour.
in this___ new time: Give us joy in word and___ song.

KINGDOM OF GOD

*Your kingdom come. Guard your domain
and your eternal righteous reign.*

*The Holy Ghost enrich our day
with gifts attendant on our way.*

*Break Satan's power, defeat his rage;
preserve your Church from age to age.*

Commentary

Hymn – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

TEXT: Joachim Neander (1650-1680), tr. Catherine Winkworth

MUSIC: *Ernewerten Gesangbuch* Stralsund, 1665. LOBE DEN HERREN



Praise to the Lord, the Al-migh - ty the King of cre - a - tion;
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wond-rous-ly reign - eth,
Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee;
Praise to the Lord, who, when tem-pests their war-fare are wag - ing,
Praise to the Lord, who when dark-ness of sin is a-bound - ing,



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion:
shel-ters thee un - der his wings, yea so gent - ly sus - tain - eth:
sure - ly his good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee:
who, when the e - le-ments mad - ly a - round thee are rag - ing,
who when the god - less do tri-umph, all vir - tue con-found - ing,



all ye who hear, bro - thers and sis - ters draw
hast thou not seen how thy en - treat - ies have
pon - der a - new what the Al - migh - ty can
bid - deth them cease, turn - eth their fu - ry to
shed - deth his light, chas - eth the hor - rors of



near, praise him in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
been gran - ted in what he or - dain - eth.
do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
peace, whirl-winds and wa - ters as - saug - ing.
night, saints with his mer - cy sur - round - ing.

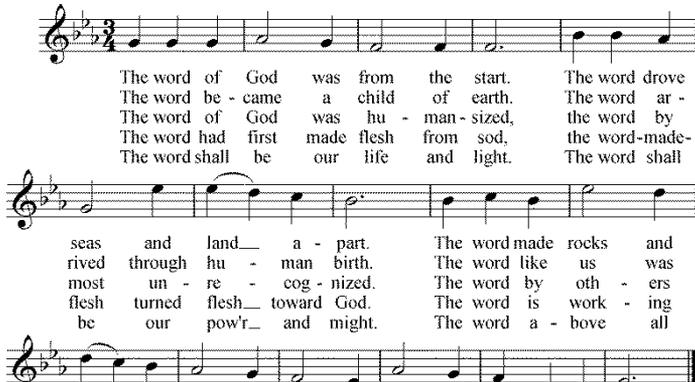
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.

PURPOSE OF GOD

*Your gracious will on earth be done
as it is done before your throne,
that patiently we may obey
in good or bad times all you say.
Curb flesh and blood and every ill
that sets itself against your will.*

Commentary

Hymn: The Word of God



The word of God was from the start. The word drove
The word be - came a child of earth. The word ar -
The word of God was hu - man - sized, the word by
The word had first made flesh from sod, the word - made -
The word shall be our life and light. The word shall

seas and land__ a - part. The word made rocks and
rived through hu - man birth. The word like us was
most un - re - cog - nized. The word by oth - ers
flesh turned flesh__ toward God. The word is work - ing
be our pow'r__ and might. The word a - bove all

liv - ing things. The word raised up and brought down kings.
blood and bone. The word knew life as we__ have known.
was__ re - ceived. The word gave life when they__ be - lieved.
on__ flesh still. The word is spell - ing out__ God's will.
wealth is priced. The word by name is Je - sus Christ.

GOD AS PROVIDER

*Give us this day our daily bread and let us all be clothed and fed.
From warfare, rioting and strife, disease, and famine save our life
that we in honest peace may live to care and greed no entrance give.*

Commentary

Hymn: You are the God of Everyday



You are the God of ev - ery day, the com - mon bond all
You are the love of friend to friend, the rhy - thm of each
You are the peace pro - found and deep, the voice that whis - pers
You are the grace we do not earn, the bless - ing of the

peo - ple share,_____ the or - din - ar - y prayers we
dai - ly task,_____ the way our hearts in si - lence
all is well,_____ the breath of chil - dren fast a -
com - mon meal,_____ the les - son we have yet to

pray, the lan - guage spo - ken ev - ery - where.
blend, the ques - tion that we need not ask.
sleep, the things we can - not buy or sell.
learn, the dai - ly pres - ence we can feel.

GOD AS MERCIFUL FORGIVER

*Forgive our sins, let grace outpour
that they may trouble you no more.*

*We too will gladly those forgive
who harm us by the way they live.*

*Help us in each community
to serve with love and unity.*

Commentary

Hymn – We do not hope to ease

WORDS: Marnie Barrell (b. 1952)

MUSIC: Irish melody arr. C.V. Stanford (1852-1924). ST PATRICK'S BRESTPLATE

The musical score is written in a single system with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate syllable placement. The hymn concludes with a final cadence.

We do not hope_ to ease_ our_ minds by sim - ple
We can - not ask_ to live_ at_ peace in com - fort
We will not pray_ to be_ pre - served from a - ny
an - swers, shif - ted blame, while Christ_ is_ home - less, hun - gry,
and_ se - cur - i - ty while Christ_ is_ tried_ in Pi - late's
depths of a - gon - y while Christ's de - pair - ing cry rings
poor, and_ we are_ rich_ who bear his name. As long as
hall_ and_ drags his_ cross. to Cal - va - ry. As long as
out:_ God, why have you_ for - sa - ken me? As long as
jus - tice_ is a dream and hu - man dig - ni - ty de -
hat - red_ sti - fles truth and free - dom is_ be - trayed by
we have hope to share of life re - newed be - yond the
nied, we stand_ with_ Christ; dis - turb us
fear, we stand_ with_ Christ; give us no
pain, we stand_ with_ Christ_ all through the
still_ till_ ev - r'y_ need_ is sa - tis - fied.
peace_ till_ his_ peace reigns in tri - umph here.
night_ till_ Eas - ter_ morn - ing dawns a - gain.

GOD AS GUIDE

*Lead not into temptation Lord,
where our grim foe and all his horde,
would vex our souls on every hand.
Help us to resist, help us to stand
firm in the faith, armed with your might;
your Spirit gives your children light.*

Commentary

Hymn – When listening prophets dare to speak

MUSIC AND TEXT: Dan Damon, 2000. ROCKHURST



When listen - ing proph - ets dare to speak, love
When pro - phets feel their strength is gone, as
True pro - phets chal - lenge us to change, to
God bids us rise to speak and move like



thun - ders like an o - cean wave, old wine - skins burst, stone
church - es add to peo - ple's pain, a pro - phet's ques - tion
wake and won - der, risk and grow, and when the way a -
pro - phets on a light - ed stage, un - mask - ing fear, re -



col - umns quake, and dry bones rise — up from the grave.
lin - gers on, "Can dry bones ev - er live a - gain?"
head seems strange, to name the fear and let it go.
veal - ing love, and mak - ing peace from age to age.

GOD AS DELIVERER FROM EVIL

*Deliver us from evil days,
from every dark and trying maze;
redeem us from eternal death,
console us when we yield our breath.
Give us at last a blessed end;
receive our souls, O faithful Friend.*

Commentary

Hymn – Wilt thou forgive that sin.

TEXT: John Donne (1573-1631)

MUSIC: melody *So giebst du nun*, 1694. Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



Wilt thou for-give that sin, where I be -
Wilt thou for-give that sin, by which I
I have a sin of fear that when I've
gun, which is my sin, though it were done be -
won o - thers to sin, and made my sin their
spun my last thread, I shall per - ish on the
fore? Wilt thou for-give those sins through which I run, and
door? Wilt thou for-give that sin which I did shun a
shore; swear by thy-self, that at my death thy Son shall
do run still, though still I do de- plore? When
year or two, but wal - lowed in a score? When
shine as he shines now, and here - to - fore. And
thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
hav - ing done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

KINGDOM, POWER, GLORY OF GOD

Amen, that is, it shall be so.

*Make our faith strong that we may know
we need not doubt but shall receive
all that we ask, as we believe.*

On your great promise we lay claim.

Our faith say amen in your name.

Commentary

Hymn – When In Our Music God is Glorified

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1972

MUSIC: Charles V. Stanford, 1904. ENGELBERG

When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no
How of - ten, ma - king mu - sic, we have found a new di - men - sion in the
So has the church, in li - tur - gy and song, in faith and love, through cen - tu -
Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re - joice who have a

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room for pride, It is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
world of sound, As wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
ries of wrong, borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:

10 [1-3] [4]
— Al - le - lu - ia!
— Al - le - lu - ia!
— Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Parting *(said by all)*

God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven:
Be with all your people who employ art and music for your praise,
that with joy we on earth may glimpse your beauty;
and bring us to the fulfillment of that hope of perfection which will be ours as
we stand before your unveiled glory.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal *(all respond with the bold text)*

Let us go in peace to love and serve and the Lord. Alleluia
In the name of Christ. Alleluia.

NEXT WEDNESDAY, JULY 14
EVENING PRAYER
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Officiant: The Dean; *Cantor:* Richard Cunningham

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