



Metropolitan New York Synod
2021 assembly | we are church together

MORNING PRAYER AND OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY

Friday in the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux

August 20, 2021 ✠ 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

DIALOGUE

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

PSALMODY

PSALM 95 VENITE

The refrain is sung by all. The verses are sung by the cantor.

Refrain — All

OFFICE HYMN

Sung by the cantor.

*Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him!
Jesus, blessed Savior, he's worthy to be praised.
From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same;
he's worthy, Jesus is worthy, he's worthy to be praised.*

*Glory! Glory! In all things give him glory.
Jesus, blessed Savior, he's worthy to be praised.
For God is our rock, hope of salvation;
a strong deliverer in him I will always trust.*

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WORD

READING ✠ LUKE 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took

place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Word of God, word of life.

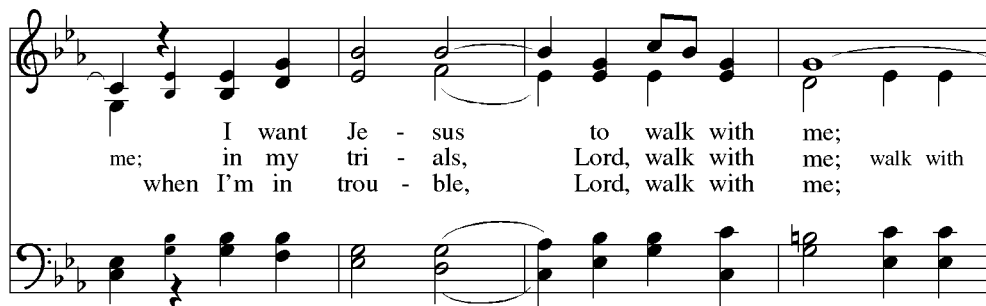
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

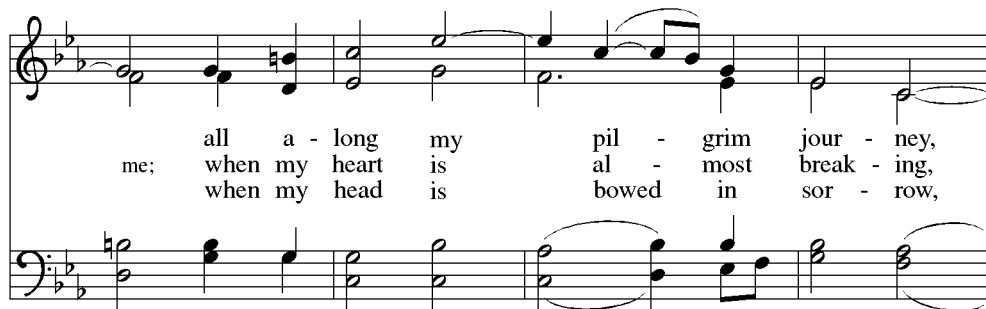
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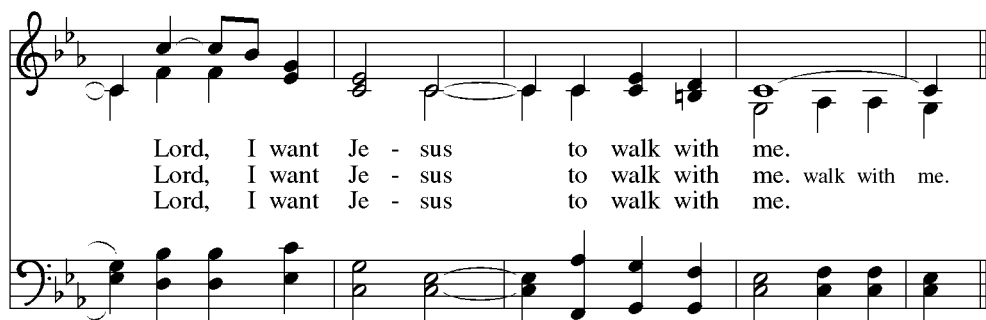
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



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 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

PRAYERS

Each portion of the prayers is followed by a period of extended silence, concluding with the response:

God be near them.

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The prayers conclude:

...for all things come from you
and are best kept in your care.

Amen

God, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

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.

OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY

As in one body we have many members,
so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord,
I am there among them.

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

**Let us pursue what makes for justice and peace,
and for mutual upbuilding.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
The prayer concludes:
...one God, now and forever.
Amen.

I declare this assembly to be in session
in the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.