

# Morning Prayer

*(Please remain muted throughout, but read or sing along at home.)*

Officiant Alleluia! O God, may the empty tomb fill our hearts with faith.

All Alleluia!

Officiant O God, whose servant Brigid of Kildare, kindled with the flame of your love, became a shining light in your church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Greeting the New Day

“The Deer’s Cry” (“I Arise Today”)

Song by Lisa Kelly

I arise today through the strength of heaven  
Light of sun, radiance of moon  
Splendor of fire, speed of lightning  
Swiftness of wind, depth of the sea  
Stability of earth, firmness of rock

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me  
God's eye to look before me  
God's wisdom to guide me  
God's way to lie before me  
God's shield to protect me

From all who shall wish me ill  
Afar and a-near  
Alone and in a multitude  
Against every cruel, merciless power  
That may oppose my body and soul

Christ with me, Christ before me  
Christ behind me, Christ in me  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down  
Christ when I arise, Christ to shield me

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me

I arise today

## The Reading

### 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians:

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Reflection

Chaplain Ruth Eller

Affirmation of Faith

With the whole church  
We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ,  
empowered by the spirit.  
With people everywhere  
We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted  
more deeply than all that is wrong.  
With all creation  
We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding  
purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

The Lord's Prayer

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 for ever. Amen.

Prayers for the Day

In the work we do this day,  
May the risen Christ teach us.  
In the challenges we face this day,  
May the risen Christ guide us.  
Through the people we meet this day,  
May the risen Christ renew us.  
*Here, the people may unmute and add intercessions or thanksgivings.*  
As we respond to the hungers and hurts of this world, May the Spirit  
of the risen Christ strengthen us. Amen.

Hymn of The Order

"Lift High the Cross"

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