

**Organ Prelude**      *Suite in D Minor: Prelude, Allegro, Allemande*      George Frideric Handel

**Processional Hymn 126**      The people who in darkness walked      *Dundee*

**Opening Sentence**

**A General Confession**      *Officiant and People*

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy 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 there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

**The Declaration of Absolution**      BCP p. 7

**The Lord's Prayer**      *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, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Versicles**

*Officiant*      O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*People*      And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
*Officiant*      Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
*People*      As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
*Officiant*      Praise ye the Lord.  
*People*      The Lord's name be praised.

**Venite, exultemus Domino 609**

- 1      O come, let us sing | unto · the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.
- 2      Let us come before his presence with | **thanksgiving**;  
and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a | **great** God;  
and a great | King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners | of the earth;  
and the strength of the hills is | **his** also.

5 The sea is | his, and · he made it;  
and his hands prepared · the **dry** land.

6 O come, let us worship and | **fall** down,  
and kneel before the | Lord our **Maker**.

7 For he is the | Lord our God;  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of **his** hand.

8 O worship the Lord in the | beauty · of holiness;  
let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.

9 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth;  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the | peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,  
world without | **end**. Amen.

#### **The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm 27:1, 5-13**

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; \*  
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,  
and set me up upon a rock of stone.

- 6 And now shall he lift up mine head \*  
above mine enemies round about me.
- 7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation, with great gladness; \*  
I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD.
- 8 Harken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; \*  
have mercy upon me, and hear me.
- 9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: \*  
Thy face, LORD, will I seek.
- 10 O hide not thou thy face from me, \*  
nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
- 11 Thou has been my succour; \*  
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 12 When my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the LORD taketh me up.
- 13 Teach me thy way, O LORD, \*  
and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Ghost;
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

### **The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

**Anthem**

*How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*  
Senior Youth Choir

melody: Philipp Nicolai  
setting: Johann Schop

How lovely shines the Morning Star,  
the nations see and hail afar the Light in Judah shining.  
Thou David's Son of Jacob's race,  
my Bridegroom and my King of Grace, for thee my heart is pining.  
Lowly, holy, great and glorious,  
thou victorius Prince of graces, filling all the heavenly places.

**The Third Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

**Jubilate Deo 645**

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord | all ye lands:  
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his | presence with a song.
- 2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not | we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the | sheep of · his **pasture**.
- 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his | courts with praise;  
be thankful unto him, and | **speak** | good of · his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is | everlasting;  
and his truth endureth from generation to | generation.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,  
world without | **end. Amen.**

**The Apostles' Creed***Officiant and People*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary: suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy catholic church; the communion of saints: the forgiveness of sins: the resurrection of the body: and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Versicles**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*People* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*People* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**The Collect for the Day***Officiant*

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Prayers****A General Thanksgiving***Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; and above all, for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

**The Grace**

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