

**Piano Prelude** *Nocturne, Op. 9 No. 2* Frédéric Chopin

**Processional Hymn 573** Father eternal, ruler of creation *Langham*

**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 610

- 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: Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.

On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.”

So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 13**

- 1 How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD; for ever? \*  
how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
  - 2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? \*  
how long shall mine enemy triumph over me?
  - 3 Consider, and hear me, O LORD my God; \*  
lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death;
  - 4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: \*  
for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.
  - 5 But my trust is in thy mercy, \*  
and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.
  - 6 I will sing of the LORD, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; \*  
yea, I will praise the Name of the LORD Most Highest.
- 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: Romans 6:12-23**

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

### **Benedictus es, Domine 626**

- 1    Blessed art thou, O Lord | God of our fathers;  
    praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.
  - 2    Blessed art thou for the | Name of · thy Majesty:  
    praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.
  - 3    Blessed art thou in the temple | of thy holiness:  
    praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.
  - 4    Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest be|tween the Cherubim:  
    praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.
  - 5    Blessed art thou on the glorious | throne of · thy kingdom:  
    praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.
  - 6    Blessed art thou in the firma|ment of heaven:  
    praised and exalted above | all for **ever**.
- 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 Third Lesson: Matthew 10:40-42**

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

### **Jubilate Deo 643**

- 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*

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church  
upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone:  
Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,  
that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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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#### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase;  
bless and guide them wherever they may be,  
keeping them unspotted from the world.  
Strengthen them when they stand;  
comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;  
raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace  
which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

