

**Annual Conference  
Morning Devotions**

## Opening Sentence

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. John 4:23

## Opening Song: Lead Me, Guide Me

I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power To help me over my weakest hour; Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,

REFRAIN: Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray; Lord let me walk each day with Thee, Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness; Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress, I am putting all my trust in Thee,

I am lost, if you take your hand from me; I am blind, without Thy Light to see; Lord just always let me Thy servant be,

## Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and***

***walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.  
Amen.***

**Prayer of Pardon**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
Amen.

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

***People: And our 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.***

Leader: The Earth is the Lord's for he made it:

***People: Come let us adore him.***

***Psalm Reading*** (Reader #1)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lord's for he made it:

***Come let us adore him.***

**First Reading** (Reader #2)

Friday: Jeremiah 38:17-22

Saturday: I Corinthians 15:20-29

## **Gloria Patri**

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. Amen.

## **A Song to the Lamb Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13**

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,

***For you created everything that is,\*  
and by your will they were created and have their  
being;***

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,\*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

***From every family, language, people, and nation,\*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.***

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,\*  
and to Christ the Lamb,

***Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,\*  
forever and for ever more.***

***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.***

**The Gospel (Reader #3)**

Friday: Matthew 11:1-6    Saturday: Matthew 11:7-15

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**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 forever. Amen.***

**Suffrages (Reader #4)**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Day by day we bless you;

**We praise your name for ever.**

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**For we put our trust in you.**

In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**And we shall never hope in vain.**

**Collect of the Day: Pentecost, proper 19** (Reader #5)

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayers and Intercessions**

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

(a time for silent, personal prayer)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy!

**People: Hear our prayer!**

**A Prayer for the Annual Conference** (Reader #6)

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**General Thanksgiving** (Reader #7)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings

of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (Reader #8)**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Closing Song**

#### **Benediction**

***I will bless Thee, O Lord! I will bless Thee, O Lord! With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord! With my hands lifted up, And my mouth filled with praise, With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord.***

### ***He Knows Just How Much You Can Bear***

*We are our heav-en-ly Father's children And we all know that He loves us one and all; Yet there are times when we find we answer Another's voice and call; If we are willing, He will teach us, His voice only to obey no matter where, and He knows, Yes, He knows, Just how much we can bear.*

*Refrain: Tho' the load gets heavy, You're never left a-lone to bear it all; Ask for strength and keep on toil-ing, tho' the tear-drops fall. You have the joy of this assurance: The heav-en-ly Father will al-ways an-swer prayer and He knows, Yes, He knows Just how much you can bear.*

*Think of the times you've asked the ques-tion Down in your heart now just what shall I do? Then you con-fide in your friends and loved ones, But they have trou-bles, too; There is a God who rules earth and heav'n In Him there's re-lief from ev-'ry pain or care, for He knows, Yes, He knows, Just how much we can bear.*

*Just praise His name al-tho' you're burdened, For there are blessings He's bestowed on you; In ev-'ry way we must nev-er doubt Him, These trials we must go thro'; Try to en-dure a lit-tle long-er, And don't for-get that for each of us He cares and He knows, Yes, He knows, Just how much we can bear.*