SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER, RITE 2

PRELUDE Variations on Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr
Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck

OPENING SENTENCE
Officiant Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

CONFESSION OF SIN
Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

All 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.

Officiant 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.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

All 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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

JUBILATE Psalm 100

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.

All Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

PSALM 26:1-8 Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.
3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.
4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.
5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.  
Jeremiah 15:15-21

O L ORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O L ORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the L ORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the L ORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  All Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 9 The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; * I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, * and he will be my Savior. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing * from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, *Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from Matthew.  
Matthew 16: 21–28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Reader The Word of the Lord. All Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 21  You are God

You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord; we acclaim you; You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you; Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

SERMON

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
    He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
    He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
    He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
    He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
    He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

THE SUFFRAGES B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance; Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you; We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today; Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy; For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope; And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day
Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays
O God, you make us glad with the weekly of remembrance the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Guidance
Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT INTENTION

THE PEACE
Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you. All And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL THANKSGIVING
All 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 our selves 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
Officiant 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.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. All Thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL
Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE
Toccata in C
Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck

THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER/ PREACHER The Rev. Gayle Catinella
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Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck (1562-1621) was a Dutch composer, organist, and pedagogue whose work straddled the end of the Renaissance and the beginning of the Baroque period. He was one of the earliest composers of keyboard music and is thought of as the founder of the North German Organ School. Most of his career was spent as the organist of the Oude Kerk (Old Church) in Amsterdam. In his role as organist, he would have played preludes and postludes for the Dutch Reformed services and nothing else due to the Regulative Principle. Visitors to Amsterdam were often brought to the Oude Kerk during the week to hear Sweelinck play. Organs in the Netherlands aren’t owned by the individual churches – they are the property of the Town Council which led to many grand instruments to show off civic pride!

The variations for the prelude are based on the old German hymn which we know today as “All glory be to God on high” (Hymnal 1982, #421). Sweelinck treats the hymn tune first as a simple harmonization, then as a duo, then hides the melody in an inner voice for the third variation, and closes with the melody in the soprano with some ornamentation. As an aside, the first question on my doctoral oral exam (just several years ago!!) was to trace the history of the choral prelude, and of course, you had to start with Sweelinck.

The Toccata in C features brilliant figuration showing off the brilliance of the organ pleno, that is, full organ minus reed stops. No pedal is needed here as the Dutch organ in Sweelinck’s time wasn’t as developed as it would be a hundred years later in Holland.