

## Morning Prayer -- 7

"Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise."

### Opening Prayer:

Lord our God, grant that we may be ready to receive Christ when he comes in glory and to share in the banquet of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

**Hymn:** Here I Am, Lord

**Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. **RESPONSE**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil;  
for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. **RESPONSE**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **RESPONSE**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;  
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. **RESPONSE**

**Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 15:29-37)**

At that time: Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, went up on the mountain, and sat down there. Great crowds came to him, having with them the lame, the blind, the deformed, the mute, and many others. They placed them at his feet, and he cured them. The crowds were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the deformed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind able to see, and they glorified the God of Israel.

Jesus summoned his disciples and said, "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd, for they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, for fear they may collapse on the way." The disciples said to him, "Where could we ever get enough bread in this deserted place to satisfy such a crowd?"

Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" "Seven," they replied, "and a few fish." He ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, gave thanks, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. They picked up the fragments left over – seven baskets full.

### Reflection



## **Intercessions:**

The Word of God humbled himself to dwell with us so that we might see his glory. Rejoicing in hope, let us call upon him: *Emmanuel, be with us.*

Ruler, just and righteous,  
- bring justice to the poor and the oppressed.

King of peace, you beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks,  
- turn hatred into love and our grievances into forgiveness.

You do not judge by appearances;  
- recognize those who are your own.

When you come with power and might upon the clouds,  
- grant that we may come before you without shame.

## **Our Father**

## **Closing Prayer:**

Be with us this day ... as we walk the walk, as we talk the talk ... of your love for us, your love for our world... now and forever.

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

**Live, Jesus, In Our Hearts ...Forever**

