

Morning Prayer
Stauffer Chapel
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Call to Worship

O Lord, open our lips,

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God.

That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Invocation

Gracious God, loving Father, we greet you this morning with joy and thanksgiving. We feel your presence in this place of prayer and we open our hearts to your teaching and your leading throughout this day. As the sun swings higher, so may our lives rise to you in the active praise of this day's duties. Show us this day what you would have us do. Whether it be great or small, we want to do what you command. Let our ears be attentive to your Word, and our hearts responsive to the opportunities you grant us to bear one another's burdens in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Silence

Prayer

We give thanks to you, our God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*That you have protected us through the night from
All danger and harm.*

We ask your blessings on us this day that we might be protected from evil,

That we might serve and please you in all our thoughts, words, and deeds.

In all that we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose;

In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
And raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God,

And a great Sovereign above all gods.

**The Lord holds the caverns of the earth,
And sustains the heights of the hills.**

The sea belongs to God, who made it,

Whose hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
And kneel before the Lord our Maker**

**For the Lord is our God,
And we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of
God's hand.
Oh, that today we would harken to God's voice.**

Reading

Father of mercies, day by day, our love to thee grows more and more;
Thy gifts are strewn upon our way like sands upon the great seashore,
Like sands upon the great seashore.

Father of mercies, God of love, whose gentle gifts all creatures share,
The rolling seasons as they move proclaim to all thy constant care,
Proclaim to all thy constant care.

Father of mercies, may our hearts ne'er overlook thy bounteous care;
But what our Father's hand imparts still own in grateful praise and prayer,
Still own in grateful praise and prayer.

Silence

Closing Prayer

We rejoice in your generous goodness, O God, and celebrate your
Lavish gifts to us this day, for you have shown your love in giving
Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

Especially we give thanks for

The labors of those who will serve us today. . .

Friends with whom we will share. . .

Those whom we love and who love us. . .

Opportunities for our work to help others. . .

And all beauty that delights us. . .

Gracious God, we know you are close to all in need, and by our prayers
For others we come closer to you. We are bold to claim for others your
Promises of new life in Jesus Christ, as we claim them for ourselves. Especially
We pray for **Those who are ill or confined to nursing homes. . .**

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones. . .

Those who are lonely or who dwell in darkness. . .

Those who have lost their way and need a light to guide them home. . .

Those who walk in the valley of the shadow of death. . .

Help us, O God, this day to be your words of light and life and love and hope to those
whose paths we cross. Touch the day with glory through us, your servants. In Jesus
name, Amen.

