

Matins, ELH, p. 109

1. The Confession of Sin, p. 109

Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for these great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear his Holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

2. Hymn: #429:1-3, "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

3. The Versicles, p. 109

O Lord open my lips.

♪**And my mouth shall show forth Your praise**

Make haste O God, to deliver me.

♪**Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

♪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: forever-more. A-men. Alleluia!

4. The Invitatory / Venite, p.p. 110/111

O come, let us worship the Lord. ♪For He is our Maker.

♪ ‘Oh come, let us sing to ‘the LORD! Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of ‘our salvation. ‘Let us come before His presence with thanks- ‘giving; and make a joyful ‘noise to Him with psalms. ‘For the LORD is the gre-‘at God, And the great ‘King above all gods. ‘In His hand are the deep places of ‘the earth; the strength of the hills is ‘His also. ‘The sea is His, for He ‘made it; And His hands ‘form-ed the dry land. ‘Oh come, let us worship and b-‘ow down; Let us kneel before the ‘LORD our Maker. ‘For He is ‘our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the ‘sheep of His hand. ‘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: for-‘evermore. Amen.

6: The Psalm: Psalm 119:81-88

♪My soul faints for `Your salvation,/ But I `hope in Your word.
My eyes fail from `searching Your word,/ Saying, “When will
`You comfort me?”

For I have become like a `wineskin in smoke,/ Yet I do not
for`get Your statutes.

**How many are the days `of Your servant?/ When will You
execute judgment on those who `persecute me?**

The proud have `dug pits for me,/ Which is not accord`ing to
Your law.

**All Your command`ments are faithful;/ They persecute me
wrong`fully; Help me!**

They almost made an end `of me on earth,/ But I did not
for`sake Your precepts.

**Revive me according to Your `lovingkindness,/ So that I may
keep the testimo`ny of Your mouth.**

Glory be to the Father, 'and to the Son / and to 'the Holy Ghost; as it was in the be - 'ginning, is now / and ever shall be: forever - 'more. Amen.

7. The Lection, p. 112

Luke 18:9-14: Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

8. A Hymn: #493, "Before Thee God, Who Knowest All"

9. Sermon text/theme: Matthew 9:9-13, A Real-Life Example of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Matthew 9:9-13: As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what *this* means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

10. The Offering (*While the offering is brought forward, the following verses of Hymn 445 are sung:*)

♪ We give thee but Thine own, Whate'r the gifts to may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

11. The Canticle, Hymn version of the Benedictus, #46, Sing Praise to the God of Israel"

12. The Prayers, beginning with the Kyrie

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

13. The Lord's Prayer

♪ Our Father...

14. The Collects, p. 118

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; through the Holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. ♪ **Amen.**

15. The Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord. ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

16. The Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ♪ **Amen.**

17. A Hymn: #429:4-6, "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"