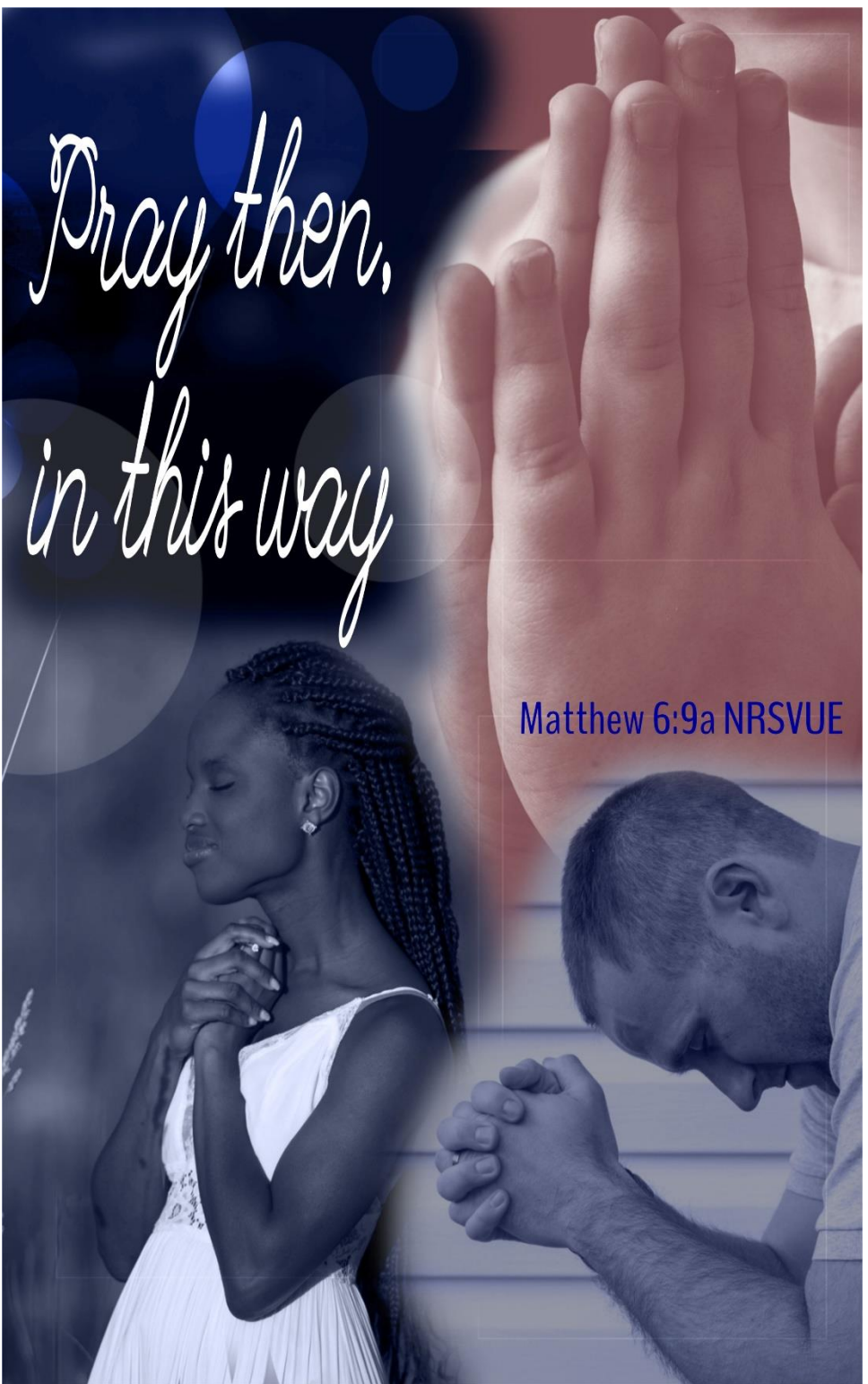


*Pray then,
in this way*

Matthew 6:9a NRSVUE





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11th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship, dear family of God.
We pray that God restore to each of us
joy in his gift of salvation and a willing
spirit to serve him in response. (Psalm 51:12)

Welcome

Prelude

Liebestraum

Franz Liszt

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

Luke 11:1-2 NLT

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” Jesus said, “This is how you should pray.” In our time of worship, we seek God’s presence in enlightening, encouraging, and empowering ways. May God’s will be done here and now.

* Opening Prayer

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

Father in heaven, in your goodness you pour out on your people all that they need, and satisfy those who persist in prayer. Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding, that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom and do your will on earth as in heaven. Amen.

* **Opening Song** *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

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Refrain:

*Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God. Come.*

Verse 1:

One day every tongue will confess you are God;
one day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose you now.

Refrain

Verse 2:

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength,
we gladly choose you now.

Refrain

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Children's Time

* **Song** *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

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Verse 1:

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

Verse 2:

O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

Verse 3:

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

Verse 4:

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee.
I lay in dust, life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.

Congregational Prayer

<http://anglicanprayerbook.org.nz/>

Pastor: Our creator God, Ancient of Days, Holy Mother of all worlds and living souls: Your arms, that once flung galaxies of stars like grains of sand, are open wide, and close enough to carry each of us like a father cradles his child next to his heart. May your sacred name be praised! May your realm extend, a commonwealth of mercy, peace and justice. Your love knits all created nature into one whole. Your will for us always is love; and so we pray:

Congregation: May your love be done on earth, in time, as it is in eternity. Give all of us each day the bread we need, and hope to all who hunger for your life. And as we share our bread along the way, pardon us the times we've broken faith. Forgive our lack of loyalty and love; and move us quickly to forgiveness when wrongs are done to us. Do not abandon us in the time of hard testing. Save us from evil's every incarnation. From the powers that possess our spirits and our structures. Forever bind us to your liberating joy! For you alone are God of grace and glory, and Rock of our Redemption. Let it be so, God, let it be so. Amen.

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Offertory Thoughts

<http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>

In this world: kingdom living. In our mouths: kingdom praises. In our hearts: kingdom goals. In our hands: kingdom gifts. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven! Amen.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6:7-13 NRSVUE

⁷ “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ “Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. ¹⁰ May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

* Song

Ancient Words

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Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.

Chorus:

*Ancient words ever true Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts Oh let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our Faith Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Chorus

We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Sermon

“Pray This Way”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*** Song**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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Verse 1:

I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 2:

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 3:

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

Now unto Him

David Morris

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