

A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER
September 7, 1988
York Chapel

Meditation

O Lord Jesus our God
Who called people from their daily work
Saying to them 'Come ye after me',
May your children today hear your voice
And gladly answer your call
To give their lives to you
To serve your Church
To offer their gifts
And give away their hearts
To you only.

Bless their hopes
The first tiny stirrings of desire
The little resolve to go forward
The small vision of what might be.

Deal gently with their fears
The hesitation of uncertainty
The darkness of the unknown
The lack of confidence in their own capacity
And turn it all to trust in you.

- Gabrielle Hadington, United Society
for the Propagation of the Gospel

Organ Prelude (a time for silence and meditation)

*Call to Worship

(from Psalm 136)

L: Praise to the Lord, who is good, whose grace is everlasting.

P: PRAISE TO THE GOD OF GODS, WHOSE GRACE IS EVERLASTING.

L: Praise to the Lord of lords, whose grace is everlasting,

P: WHO ALONE DOES MIGHTY DEEDS, WHOSE GRACE IS EVERLASTING. PRAISE TO THE LORD!

*Hymn "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

(p. 28, Sampler)

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Almighty God, Spirit of purity and grace, in asking your forgiveness we cannot claim a right to be forgiven but only cast ourselves upon your unbounded love.

We can plead no merit or desert:

We can plead no extenuating circumstances:

We cannot plead the frailty of our nature:

We cannot plead the force of the temptations we encounter:

We cannot plead the persuasions of others who led us astray:

We can only say, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

(adapted from John Baillie)

A Reading from the Old Testament

Proverbs 2:1-8

(over)

Psalmody

Psalm 121 (with antiphon)

ANTIPHON

My help comes from the Lord, the mak - er of heav - en and earth.

A Reading from the New Testament Acts 16:6-15

*Responsive Reading Psalm 119:129-136 (tr. by Gary Chamberlain)

Left: Your admonitions are wonderful; so I keep them with all my heart.
Right: What light is disclosed by your word, giving insight to those who were foolish!
Left: As if I were panting, openmouthed, I yearn for your commandments.
Right: Turn to me, and give me your grace, your assurance for those who love you.
Left: Make my steps firm in your word; let sin have no power against me.
Right: Redeem me from human oppressors, and I will obey your orders.
Left: Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your decrees.
Right: Streams flow down from my eyes for those who dishonor your teaching.

*Gloria Patri

*A Reading from the Gospel John 12:9-19

A Time of Silence and Meditation

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, Petition

The Lord's Prayer (see musical setting)

*Hymn "Benedictus - Canticle of Zachary" Luke 1:68-79

*Benediction

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
P: THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IS WITH US. AMEN.

*The Sharing of the Peace

Organ Postlude

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