

man. He was a principle member of the synagogue. A member of the group trying to get rid of Jesus. He took a big risk seeking to ask Jesus for a favor. Jesus did not respond immediately to Jairus' request. In fact, He healed another woman as He was on His way to the house of Jairus. The delay was clearly intentional, but God will fulfill His will in His time and in His manner. Jesus told Jairus, "Don't be afraid, just believe." Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead, turning Jairus' grief into joy. Jesus raised us from the dead of our sin in the water and Word of our Baptism. The grief of our sin has been changed to the joy of life eternal in Him.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

¶ O Lord, our God, our strength and our joy, we Your children come to You asking forgiveness for our sin. By delivering Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, to death on the cross and raising Him to glory, You brought us life. Help us be vigilant in all temptation. Make the death and Resurrection of Christ manifest in us by allowing us to be assured of our eternity in Heaven with You.

We praise You for Your mercy. In the gift of our spiritual, and physical nature with its capabilities of activity and enjoyment, You made us in Your image. We acknowledge that You are infinitely good, and we thank You. In the gifts of our human relationships, giving us fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and companions for our life, that we are not alone, You are so very kind, and we thank You. In the gifts of our place in this rich and beautiful dwelling of our earthly habitation, and in the heavenly canopy of the infinite universe, You are most gracious, and we glorify Your Holy name.

Give the riches of grace to Your church, O God. Allow us to seek the lost, raise the fallen, comfort the broken hearted, and heal the afflicted. Enable the pastors and missionaries to proclaim with courage and understanding all the Words of life in You. Let the world hear as we declare Your mighty deeds of judgment and mercy.

We ask You to be the heavenly Guest in all our homes. Move the hearts of all who dwell there to trust only in You and to have perfect love toward each other. Bless all who are in any need of body or soul, and grant that they may humble themselves under Your mighty hand. You will exalt them in due time. Lead us all to cast our burdens on You. Assure us of Your infinite care and understanding.

Hear us as we bring to You our private petitions. (**Time of silent prayer.**)  
We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord.

© Amen.

## PROPER EIGHT

### Chant Tone



### Introit

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.\*  
From where does my — help come?  
My help comes | from the Lord,\*  
Who made | Heaven and Earth.

The Lord is your — keeper;\*  
the Lord is your shade on your — right  
hand.

The sun shall not strike | you by day,\*  
nor the | moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all — evil;\*  
He will | keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and  
your | coming in\*  
from this time forth and  
| forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy — Spirit;  
as it was in the be — ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. — Amen.

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(Antiphon, Psalm 121:1-2;  
Psalm 121:5-8)

### Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

### Gradual

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and know | ledge of God!\*  
How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscruta | ble His ways!  
For from Him and through Him and to Him | are all things.\*  
To Him be glory forever. — Amen.

(Romans 11:33, 36)

**ENTRANCE PRAYER:** Your steadfast Love, O Lord, never ceases, and Your mercies never come to an end. You are good to those who wait for You, and when we truly seek You, we find You. Therefore we sing Your praises and give thanks to Your Holy name. We need, O Lord, the power of Your Holy Spirit to enable us to give ourselves completely to You. Send us Your Spirit that we may experience the joy of a life dedicated to spreading Your Love. Bless our nation with peace, and help us dwell in harmony with Your will. This we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen (So be it, Lord.)

**JOHN WILKES BOOTH SHOT ABRAHAM LINCOLN AT FORD'S THEATER, ON APRIL 14, 1865.** It may not have been wise for Lincoln to be out and around at that moment. Richmond had fallen to the Union forces (April 2-4) and Lee had surrendered his army to Grant, April 9th. Booth and his band of Confederate sympathizers set out to kill the President, Vice-president and Secretary of State. At the time of our Gospel Lesson the religious leadership was plotting to stop Jesus. They hated the miracles and the adulation of the crowds. It may not have been wise (humanly speaking,) for Jesus to go with a religious leader, to his home, to work a miracle. Jesus accomplished the work of our salvation, even in the face of daily and grave danger.

#### **THEME OF THE DAY:**

Grief Turned to Joy

#### **INTROIT**—(Antiphon: Psalm 121:1-2;) Psalm 121:5-8

Psalm 121 was written by David during a time of travel. David was seeking the protection of God for the dangers that can come up when we travel. The Lord will keep us from harm. He will cover us with all good things and watch over our life.

#### **COLLECT**

In this prayer we acknowledge that while Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead, our goal is not to have a long life on this Earth, but to experience the eternity of Salvation. This, Jesus gives us through the Word and Sacraments. We ask to receive this love, offered and given, just so that we will indeed have life in Jesus forever.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**—Lamentations 3:22-33

The destruction of Jerusalem, lamented by Jeremiah, could have been avoided if the people had heeded God's patience in delaying judgment, obeyed His prophets, and returned to Him in obedient submission and faith. God waited 136 years to deal with them in their sin. Even in the midst of the grief, God continued to show His mercy, and grace. God did not change His plan to send His Son. The promise of the cross is always ahead of the people, their grief would be changed into joy in Jesus.

#### **GRADUAL**—Romans 11:33, 36

In Romans 11, Paul lamented the fact that the Jews reject Jesus and therefore salvation. These two verses sing praise to God that even in the face of all the unbelief on the part of the chosen people, we gentiles, were chosen to believe.

#### **EPISTLE LESSON**—2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

The Romans had been very hard on the Macedonians; they had taken possession of the gold and silver mines which were rich sources of revenue, and had taxed the right of smelting copper and iron. They had also reserved to themselves the importation of salt, and the felling of trees for building ships. The Macedonians said that their nation was like a lacerated and disjointed animal. On top of this had come persecution of the Christian converts. Still, the Macedonians pleaded earnestly for the privilege to give. First they gave themselves as response for the wonder of salvation in Jesus, and then they gave to the needy in Jerusalem. Any grief they had for their temporal life was changed into joy in the knowledge of eternal life.

#### **GOSPEL LESSON**—Mark 5:21-43

We see an all-too-familiar scene: grief at the death of a loved one. Can there be comfort and assurance in such sorrow? Jarius was a desperate