



Order of
Saint Luke



Mid-Afternoon Prayer

Commemorating **Laura Askew Haygood**

*Led by the Hoyt Hickman Chapter of
The Order of Luke*

Liturgy Leaders

Sr. Nancy	Drafted the presentation but not able to join us today
Sr. Elinor	Bold print beginning and ending; McTyeire School Song
Sr. Sarah	Psalter
Br. David	Scripture
Br. Howard	Hymn author, Hymn translators
Sr. Kimberly	Light print beginning and ending Introduce and sing the hymn
Br. Jeff	Biography about Laura Haygood

Laura Askew Haygood Video introduction:

https://players.brightcove.net/1127823189/default_default/index.html?videoId=4344762216001

O God, come to our assistance.

O Lord, hasten to help us.

Glory to the Holy and blessed Trinity,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Laura Askew Haygood, April 29, 1900

Opening Prayers

The Holy One be with you;
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Living, loving God,
through your wisdom the hours of the day move on,
and there is yet much to do.

Keep us in your care and renew us with your strength
so that we may not forget you
nor be unaware of your love toward those around us,
in the name of Christ
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Psalm 65

1 You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.

2 To you, the one | who answers prayer,
to you all | flesh shall come.

3 Our sins are strong- | er than we are,
but you blot out | our transgressions.

4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your |
courts to dwell there!

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by
the holiness | of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of | our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans |
far away.

6 You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded a- | bout with might.

7 You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the
peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble
at your | marvelous signs;

you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you
make it very plenteous; the river of God is | full of
water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the
earth.

10 You drench the furrows and smooth | out the
ridges;

with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless
its increase.

11 You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

12 May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for
grazing,

and the hills be | clothed with joy.

13 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing.

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31 CEB

A rich man's question

17 As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?”

18 Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. **19** You know the commandments: *Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Don't cheat. Honor your father and mother.*”

20 “Teacher,” he responded, “I've kept all of these things since I was a boy.”

21 Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, “You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me.” **22** But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

23 Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, “It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God’s kingdom!” **24** His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, “Children, it’s difficult to enter God’s kingdom! **25** It’s easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God’s kingdom.”

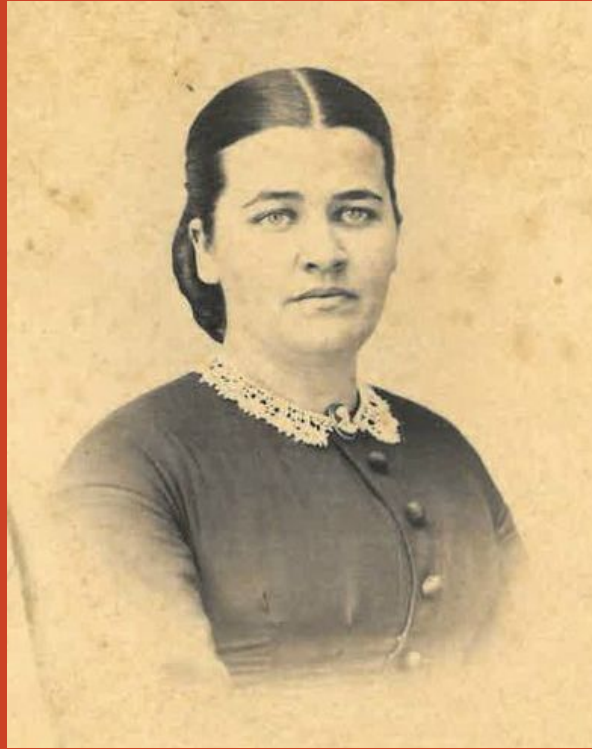
26 They were shocked even more and said to each other, “Then who can be saved?”

27 Jesus looked at them carefully and said, “It’s impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.”

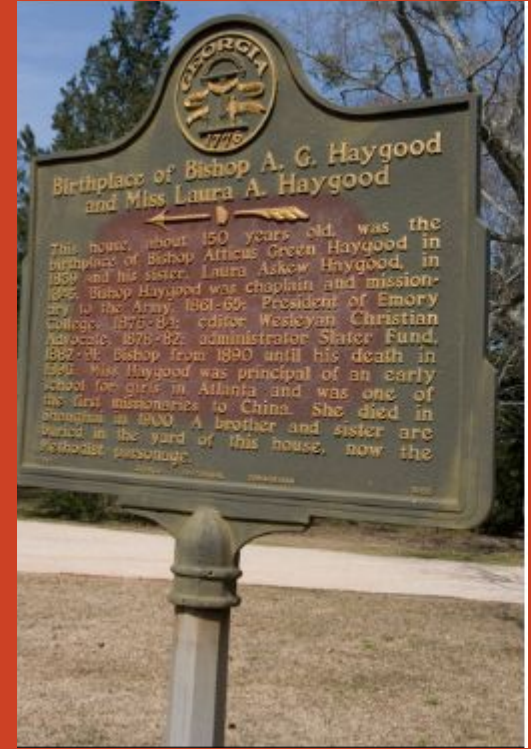
28 Peter said to him, “Look, we’ve left everything and followed you.”

29 Jesus said, “I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news **30** will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. **31** But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first.”

Laura Askew Haygood



Laura Askew Haygood (1845–1900) was an American missionary, educator, and advocate for women's education, particularly in China. She was born in Georgia and was the sister of Atticus Greene Haygood, a prominent Methodist bishop.



Hymn # 678 *Rise to Greet the Sun* - Author



Zhao Zichen

Zhao Zichen (1888-1979) was a prominent Chinese theologian born in Deqing, China. Raised Buddhist, he was baptized Christian in 1908 while at a missionary school. He studied at Suzhou University (1911) and earned M.A. and B.D. degrees from Vanderbilt (1914-1917).

He taught at several universities until his removal during political turmoil. Zhao sought to adapt Christianity to Chinese culture. A respected theologian, he pushed for church reform and sought to relate Christianity to Confucianism and humanism.

*Hymn Author,
Zhao Zichen*

Hymn # 678 *Rise to Greet the Sun* - Translators



***Hymn Translators,
Dr. Bliss &
Mildred A. Wiant***

Bliss Wiant (1895-1975) studied at Wittenberg, Ohio Wesleyan (B.A. 1920), Boston (M.A. 1936), and Peabody (Ph.D. 1946). Ordained in 1923, he became the head of Yenching University's music department (1923-1951), later serving as a pastor and music director.

Mildred Kathryn Artz Wiant (1898-2001) was born in Lancaster, Ohio and attended Ohio Wesleyan University (B.A. 1920). In 1923 the Wiants moved to Peking, China, where Mildred taught voice at Yenching University, Scarritt College, and Chung Chi College.

How the Hymn Came to Be

The hymn “**Rise to Greet the Sun**” emerged from the collaboration between American missionaries Bliss and Mildred Wiant and Chinese theologian Zhao Zichen.

The hymn’s pentatonic melody, by Hu Te-ai, and its lyrics reflect Asian cultural values—honoring elders, teaching youth, and embracing simplicity and trust in God. The first stanza personifies the sun as a warrior-like figure, setting the tone for a day of work, faith, and gratitude. The final verse prays for God’s provision, emphasizing a life of contentment under God’s care.

This hymn stands as a cross-cultural legacy, bridging Chinese theology and Western hymnody in Christian worship.

Adapted from: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-rise-to-greet-the-sun>

1. Rise to-greet the sun, — Red in the east-ern sky,
 2. May this day be blest, — Trust-ing in Je-sus' care,

Like a glo-ri-ous bride - groom His joy-ous race to run.
 Heart and mind il - lu - mined By heav-en's ra-diance fair,

Fly - ing birds in heav - ens - high, Fra-grant flow'rs a - bloom
 Thanks for rai-ment un - a - dorned, Rice and whole - some - food

Tell the gra - cious Fa - ther's_nigh, Now His_work as - some -
 These the Lord in mer - cy_gives, Nev - er - fail - ing good. —

Hymn UMH #678 *Rise to Greet the Sun*

The hymn is available in the United Methodist Hymnal, #678 or on www.hymnary.org - search for "Rise to Greet the Sun" to pull up your own version of the image at the left.

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/HCGU1953/page/141>

Hymn # 678 *Rise to Greet the Sun*

1.

Rise to greet the sun
Red in the eastern sky,
Like a glorious bridegroom
His joyous race to run.
Flying birds in heavens high,
Fragrant flowers abloom
Tell the gracious Father's nigh,
Now His work assume.

2.

May this day be blest,
Trusting in Jesus' care,
Heart and mind illumined
By heaven's radiance fair.
Thanks for raiment unadorned,
Rice and wholesome food;
These the Lord in mercy gives,
Never failing good.

Prayers

For Evangelists and Missionaries

Strong Word of God, by whom the world was created,

In whom the world is redeemed,

Always send forth heralds like Laura Haygood,
to bear the good news,

That our saving way may be made known in
every place and time,

In every land and to every people,

For your sake and for the sake of the world.

Amen.

[RBA]



McTyeire School

McTyeire School Song

“Near the mighty Yangtze River,
In the heart of old Shanghai,
There’s a school for China’s daughters
Bringing truth and freedom nigh.
May she live and grow forever,
Scatter knowledge far and near.
Till all China learns the lessons
That we learn at old McTyeire.”



McTyeire School today in Shanghai

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin(g)dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil,**

**For the kin(g)dom, the power, and the
glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**



Students at McTyeire School

Concluding Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, who came to set us free:
let the shadow of your cross fall upon us in
this hour
that we may wonder at the gift of your
redeeming love,
and be empowered by your Spirit
to take up our own cross daily and follow you.
Amen.

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Show us, O God, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.

Bless the Lord!
Thanks be to God!



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