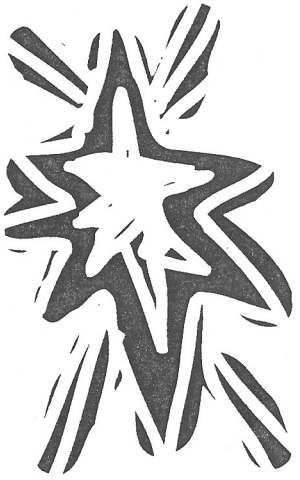
ADVENT MORNING PRAYER

December 22



Please Stand

God, come to my assistance
Lord make haste to help me.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.

Morning Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

1. *O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel to you shall come Emmanuel!

2. *O come, O wisdom from on high who orders all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.*

3. *O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.*

Text: Latin, 9th century. Music Chant, Mode 1, Veni, Vei Emmanuel, adapt. By T. Helmore, 1811-1890.

Psalmody

(Repeat antiphon after Leader)

Ant: The Lord, the mighty God, will come forth from Zion to set his people free.

Psalm: 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

L: My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.

R: "My heart exults in the Lord, my horn is exalted in my God."

L: "I have swallowed up my enemies; I rejoice in my victory."

R: "The bows of the mighty are broken, while the tottering gird on strength."

L: "The well-fed hire themselves out for bread, while the hungry batten on spoil. The barren wife bears seven sons, while the mother of many languishes."

R: "The Lord puts to death and gives life; he casts down to the nether world; he raises up again. The Lord makes poor and makes rich, he humbles, he also exalts."

L: "He raises the needy from the dust; from the dung heap he lifts up the poor, to seat them with nobles and make a glorious throne their heritage."

R: My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.

Psalm Prayer

Accept the prayers of your servants, Lord, and prepare our hearts to praise your holy name. Come to our aid in times of trouble and make us worthy to sing you songs of thanksgiving.

(Antiphon all together)

Ant: The Lord, the mighty God, will come forth from Zion to set his people free.

Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 24-28

In those days, Hannah brought Samuel with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the Lord in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the Lord. I prayed for this child, and the Lord granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord." She left Samuel there. The word of the Lord.

Psalm 80: "Lord, Make Us Turn to You"

Please repeat after cantor the first time:

Lord, make us turn to You, show us Your face, and we shall be saved.

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Psalm Prayer

God of glory and power, those who have put all their trust in you are happy indeed. Shine the brightness of your light on us, that we may love you always with a pure heart.

Reading: Luke 1:46-56

Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever." Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home. The Gospel of the Lord.

Intercessions Respond: "Lord, hear our prayer."

Lord's Prayer

Kiss of Peace

Closing Prayer

Loving God, you sent your Son to free us from the power of death. May we who celebrate in the coming of Christ among us share more fully in his divine life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Dismissal

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

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