

MORNING PRAYER  
WEDNESDAY / THIRD WEEK IN EASTER



Please Stand  
O lord, open my lips  
-and my mouth will declare your praise.  
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: "Canticle of the Sun"**

*The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy  
Come dance in the forest, come play in the field and sing, sing, to the glory of the  
Lord. (Last time: And sing, sing, to the glory of the Lord.)*

- 1. Praise to the sun, the bringer of day, he carries the light of the Lord in his  
Rays, the moon and the stars, who light up the way unto your throne.*
- 2. Praise to the wind, that blows through the trees, the seas mighty storms,  
The gentlest breeze, they blow where they will, they blow where they  
Please, to please the Lord.*

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(Please be seated)

## **Reading: Acts 8: 1b-8**

There broke out a severe persecution of the Church in Jerusalem, and all were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Devout men buried Stephen and made a loud lament over him. Saul, meanwhile, was trying to destroy the Church; entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment. Now those that were scattered went about preaching the word. Thus Phillip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Phillip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed and crippled people were cured. There was great joy in the city.

The word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 27: " The Lord is my Light "**

Please repeat refrain after cantor the first time and sing after each verse.

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help, the Lord is my salvation.

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## **PSALMODY: 66**

Antiphon (Please repeat after the Leader)

Ant: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

L. Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. "Let all the earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!"  
Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

L. He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

## Psalm Prayer

Kind and merciful God, through your power Jesus overcame death. We trust in your goodness. May your power be with us. Help us to give witness to your love before all people, so they too may praise your glory.

(Antiphon all together)

Ant. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

## Reading: John 6:35-40

Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. But I told you that although you have seen me, you do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything that he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Reflection

(Please Stand)

### " We Walk By Faith"

- 1. We walk by faith and not by sight, no gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, yet we believe him near.*
- 2. We may not touch his hands or side, nor follow where he trod; yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry "My Lord and God!"*
- 3. Help then, O Lord our unbelief and may our faith abound; to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.*
- 4. That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are In full and endless sight.*

5. *We walk by faith and not by sight: no gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e're spoke, yet we believe him near.*

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**Intercessions:** (please respond "Lord hear our prayer")

**Lord's Prayer**

**Kiss of Peace**

**Closing Prayer**

Almighty God, we praise you for every gift that you give us. Keep our hearts and minds open to you as we walk your Easter path. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

**Dismissal**

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



Alleluia!