

MORNING PRAYER
WEDNESDAY / FIFTH WEEK IN EASTER



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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.*

Please be seated)

Reading: Acts 15: 1-8

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." Because there arose no little dissention and debate by Paul and Barabus with them, it was decided that Paul, Barabus, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and presbyters about this question. They were sent on their journey by the Church, and passed through Phoenicia and Samaria telling of the conversation with the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brethren. When they arrived in Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the Church, as well as by the Apostles and presbyters, and they reported what God had done with them. But some from the party of the Pharisees who had become believers stood up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and direct them to observe the Mosaic law." The Apostles and the presbyters met together to see about this matter.

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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Antiphon (Please repeat after the Leader)

Ant: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

L. I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go to the house of the Lord." And now we have set foot within your gates of Jerusalem.

R. Jerusalem built as a city with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

L. According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.

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 that they too may praise your glory,

(Antiphon all together)

Ant. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Reading: John 15: 1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire so they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

(Please Stand)

Song:“ 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

Loving God, help us to remember that you are the vine and you give us everything we need to do your will. Help us to keep our spirits open to you as we strive to bear fruit in answering your call. We ask this in the name of your glorified Son, Jesus. Amen

Dismissal

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