MORNING PRAYER WEDNESDAY / SIXTH 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.

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(Please be seated)

Reading: Acts 17: 15-22 –18-1

After Paul's escorts had taken him to Athens, they came away with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible. Then Paul stood up in the Areopagus and said:" You Athenians, I see that in every respect you are very religious. And as I walked around looking carefully at your shrines, I even discovered an alter inscribed, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you unknowingly worship, I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and all that is in it, the Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands because he needs anything. Rather it is he who gives to everyone life and breath and everything. He made from one the whole human race to dwell on the entire surface of the earth, and he fixed the ordered seasons and the boundaries of their regions, so that people might seek God, even perhaps grope for him and find him, though indeed he is not far from any one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being.' As even some of your poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring,' Since therefore we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the divinity is like an image fashioned from gold or silver, or stone by human art and imagination. God has overlooked the times of ignorance, but now he demands that all people everywhere repent because he has established a day on which he will 'judge the world with justice' through a man he has appointed, and he has provided conformation for all by raising him from the dead." When they heard about resurrection of the dead, some began to scoff, but others said, "We should like to hear you on this some other time. 5 So Paul left them, but some did join him, and became believers. Among them were Dionysius, a member of the Court of the Areopagus, A woman named Damaris, and others with them. After this he left

The word of the Lord.

Athens and went to Corinth.

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: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

L. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you his angels; praise him all you hosts.

R. Let the kings of the earth and all the peoples, the princes and all the judges of the earth, young men too, and maidens and boys.

L. Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.

R. He has lifted up the horn of his people; be this the praise from all his faithful ones, from the children of Israel, the people close to him. Alleluia.

Psalm Prayer

Almighty God, Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, hear our humble prayer as we sing your praises. Let your Spirit be alive in our hearts so that we may be worthy of the sacrifice of your only Son.

(Antiphon all together)

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

Reading: John 16: 12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot hear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

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

Lord, you made heaven and earth, light and darkness and all the creatures. Let the spirit of your love guide our hearts and lips so that we may always love and praise you. 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.