

MORNING PRAYER
WEDNESDAY / SEVENTH 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 20: 28—38

At Miletus, Paul spoke to the presbyters of the Church of Ephesus: "Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the Church of God that he acquired with his own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come among you. And they will not spare the flock. And from your own group, men will come forward perverting the truth to draw the disciples away after them. So be vigilant and remember that for three years, night and day, I unceasingly admonished each of you with tears. And now I commend you to God and to that gracious word of his that can build you up and give you the inheritance among all who are consecrated. I have never wanted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You know well that these very hands have served my needs and my companions. In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" When he had finished speaking he knelt down and prayed with them all. They were weeping loudly as they threw their arms around Paul and kissed him, for they were deeply distressed that he had said that they would never see his face again. Then they escorted him to the ship.

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: Sing to God, O Kingdoms of the earth.

L. Show forth, O God, your power, the power, O God, with which you took our part; for your temple in Jerusalem let the kings bring you gifts.

R. You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God, chant praise to the Lord who rides on the heights of the ancient heavens. Behold, his voice resounds, the voice of power: "Confess the power of God!"

L. Over Israel is his majesty; his power is in the skies. Awesome in his sanctuary is God, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people.

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 17: 11b- 19

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying; "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. As you sent me into the world, so I send them into the world. and I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

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

Shepherd of your people, we praise you for the light and life you have given us; make us grateful for these wonderful gifts. Look with mercy on the flock you have gathered together in your name. Amen

Dismissal

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

