

MORNING PRAYER
WEDNESDAY / SECOND WEEK IN EASTER



**An Easter
Prayer**

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
Days, 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 5: 17-26

The high priest rose up and all his companions, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and, filled with jealousy, laid hands upon the Apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night, the angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, and led them out, and said, "Go and take your place in the temple area, and tell the people about this life." When they heard this, they went to the temple early in the morning and taught. When the high priest and his companions arrived, they convened the Sanhedrin, the full senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the jail to have them brought in. But the court officers who went did not find them in the prison, so they came back and reported, "We found the jail securely locked and the guards stationed outside the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside." When the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests heard this report, they were at a loss about them, as to what this would come to. Then someone came in and reported to them, "The men whom you put in prison are in the temple area and are teaching the people." Then the captain and the court officers went and brought them, but without force, because they were afraid of being stoned by the people.
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 34:

Antiphon (Please repeat after the Leader)

Ant: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

L. I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

L. Look to him that you may be radiant with joy; and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the Lord heard, from all his distress he saved him.

R. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Taste and see how good the Lord is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

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)

Antiphon. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Reading: John 3:16-21

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred the darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things, hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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'er 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.



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