

MORNING PRAYER FRIDAY – LENT- WEEK 5



Please Stand

God come to my assistance,

Lord, make haste to help me.

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: “ Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

- 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of Love, hearts unfold like flow'ers before you, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*
- 2. All your works with joy surround you, earth and heav'n reflect your rays, stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise, field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, praising you eternally.*
- 3. Always giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Loving Father, Christ our Brother, let your light upon us shine, teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 20:10-13

I hear the whisperings of many: "Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!" All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. "Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him." But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O Lord of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, Let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 126: "When From Our Exile"

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Antiphon: In my distress, I called upon the Lord, and He heard my voice.

Psalm 18

L: I love you, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R: My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the Lord, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

L: The breakers of death surged round about me, the destroying floods overwhelmed me; the cords of the nether world enmeshed me, the snares of death overtook me.

R. In my distress I called upon the Lord and cried out to my God; from His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears.

Psalm Prayer

With joy and gladness we cry out to you, Lord, and ask you: open our hearts to sing your praises and announce your goodness and beauty.

(Antiphon all together)

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Reading: John 10: 31-42

The Jews picked up rocks to stone Jesus. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to stone me?" the Jews answered him, "We are not stoning you for a good work but for blasphemy. You, a man, are making yourself God." Jesus answered them; "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are Gods?" If it calls them gods to whom the word of God came, and scripture cannot be set aside, can you say that the one whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world blasphemes because I said, 'I am the Son of god'? If I did not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize and understand the Father is in me and I am in the Father." Then they tried again to arrest him; but he escaped from their power. He went back across the Jordan to the place where John was baptized, and there he remained. Many came to him and said, "John performed no sign, but everything John said about this man is true." And many there began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

(Please Stand)

"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: sing, sing, to the Glory of the Lord.)

1. *Sing 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 our death, that makes our life real, the knowledge of loss that helps us to feel, the Gift of Yourself, Your Presence revealed to lead us home.*

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

Lord's Prayer

Kiss of Peace

Closing Prayer

Lord, source of life, you know our weakness May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand and walk more readily in your ways. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who 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 evil and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

Wait for the LORD: be of good
courage, and he shall strengthen thine
heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.
Psalm 27:14

