

Morning Prayer Friday - Week 2



(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: “Sing A New Song”

Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord; singing alleluia! (LAST TIME REPEAT: Singing alleluia!)

1. Yahweh's people dance for joy. O come before the Lord. And play for him on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.
2. Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.
3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord. The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives.

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First Reading Isaiah 48:17-19

Thus says the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go. If you would hearken to my commandments, your prosperity would be like a river, and your vindication like the waves of the sea; Your descendants would be like the sand, and those born of your stock like its grains, Their name never cut off or blotted out from my presence.

Psalmody (please be seated)

(Repeat antiphon after Leader)

Ant: A humble, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn

Psalm 147:12-20

L: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

R: For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

L: She sends out his command to the earth; her word runs swiftly. She gives snow like wool; she scatters frost like ashes.

R: He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold? He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

L: She declares her word to Jacob, her statutes and ordinances to Israel. She has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know her ordinances. Praise the LORD!

Psalm Prayer

Lord, you established peace within the borders of Jerusalem. Give the fullness of peace now to your faithful people. May peace rule us in this life and possess us in eternal life. You are about to fill us with the best of wheat; grant that what we see dimly now as a mirror, we may come to perceive clearly in the brightness of your truth.

(Antiphon all together)

Ant: A humble, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn.

Psalm 100: "We Are God's People"

Please repeat after cantor the first time:

We are God's people, the flock of the Lord!

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Psalm Prayer

Lord, he who knew no sin was made sin for us, to save us and restore us to your friendship. Look upon our contrite heart and afflicted spirit and heal our troubled conscience, so that in the joy and strength of the Holy Spirit we may proclaim your praise and glory before all people

Reading: Matthew 11:16-19

Jesus said to the crowds: "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

Reflection

Song: Canticle of Zechariah

Now bless the God of Israel who comes in love and power, who raises from the royal house deliv'rance in this hour. Through holy prophets God has sworn to free us from alarm, to save us from the heavy hand of all who wish us harm.

Remembering the covenant, God rescues us from fear, that we might serve in holiness and peace from year to year. And you, my child, shall go before, to preach, to prophesy, that all may know the tender love, the grace of God most high.

In tender mercy, God will send the dayspring from on high, our rising sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh. God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more. Sing praises to the Holy One, O worship and adore.

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Intercessions:-- Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Closing Prayer

All powerful God, help us to look forward in hope to the coming of our Savior. May we live as he has taught, ready to welcome him with burning love and faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Dismissal

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

—Amen.