

# Morning Prayer

## Good Friday

(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, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flow'rs 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.

Text by Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933. Tune arranged from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

### Psalmody (please be seated)

(Repeat antiphon after Leader)

Ant: God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our sake.

### Psalm 51

- L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my offense, Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- R: For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight.
- L: That you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgement. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

- R: Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- L: Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my guilt.
- R: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy Spirit.
- L: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- R: Deliver me, O God, my helper, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance, O lord, open you my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.
- L: For you take no delight in sacrifice, were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- R: Do good to Zion in your good pleasure, rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then will you delight in lawful sacrifices, holocausts will be offered on your altar.

### **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. In the joy of the Holy Spirit, may we proclaim your praise and glory before all the nations.

(Antiphon all together)

Ant: God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to suffer for our sake.

### **Psalm 126: "When from our Exile"**

Please repeat after the first time:

When from our exile God leads us home again, we'll think we're dreaming. When from our exile God leads us home again, we'll think we're dreaming.

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### **Psalm 147: 12-20**

(Repeat antiphon after Leader)

Ant: We worship your cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify your holy resurrections, for the wood of the cross has brought joy to the world.

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 work, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
- L: She declares her work 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 establish 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: We worship your cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify your holy resurrection, for the wood of the cross has brought joy to the world.

### **Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-28**

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant, where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.

Hence not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment had been told to all the people by Moses in accordance with the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the scroll itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God has ordained for you." And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in

worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrificed than these. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself, And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

## **Quiet Reflection**

### **Canticle of the Sun** (please stand)

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation I 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**

Respond: "Lord , Hear our Prayer".

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Kiss of Peace**

## **Closing Prayer**

Merciful God, look with love upon your people, the which our Lord Jesus Christ showed us when he delivered himself to those who were evil, and suffered the agony of the cross, for he 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.