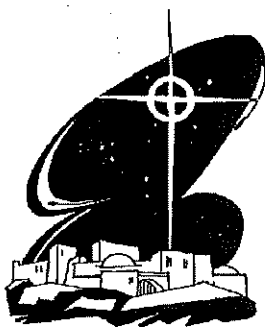


Morning Prayer

Tuesday - Week 4



(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: “Morning Has Broken”

1. Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise ev’ry morning, God’s recreation of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965. Tune: BUNESSAN, Gaelic.

Psalmody (please be seated)

(Repeat antiphon after Leader)

Ant: The Lord will come from the holy place to save a people.

Psalm 101

- L: I will sing of loyalty and of justice; to you, O LORD, I will sing. I will study the way that is blameless. When shall I attain it?
- R: I will walk with integrity of heart within my house; I will not set before my eyes anything that is base.
- L: I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. Perverseness of heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil.
- R: One who secretly slanders a neighbor I will destroy. A haughty look and an arrogant heart I will not tolerate.
- L: I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, so that they may live with me; whoever walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me.
- R: No one who practices deceit shall remain in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue in my presence.
- L: Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked in the land, cutting off all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

Psalm Prayer

So that your people may walk in innocence, you came to us, Lord Jesus, and told us to be holy as God is holy. Help your children to love what is truly perfect, so that we may neither speak what is evil nor do what is wrong. Let us stand in your sight and celebrate with you God's love and justice.

(Antiphon all together)

Ant: The Lord will come from the holy place to save a people.

Psalm 42: "Song of the Exile"

Please repeat refrain after cantor the first time:

As a deer longs for running streams, so my soul longs for Thee, and my heart thirsts for the God of my life. When shall I go to see the face of God?

Psalm Prayer

Lord, God of strength, you gave your Son victory over death. Direct your Church's fight against evil in the world. Clothe us with the weapons of light and unite us under the one banner of love, that we may receive our eternal reward.

Reading: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Quiet Reflection

Canticle of Zechariah (please stand)

1. Bless'd be the God of Israel, the everliving Lord, who comes in pow'r to save his own, his people Israel. For Israel he raises up salvation's tow'r on high in David's house who reigned as king and servant of the Lord.

2. O tiny child, your name shall be the prophet of the Lord; the way of God you shall prepare to make his coming known. You shall proclaim to Israel salvation's dawning day, when God shall wipe away all sins in his redeeming love.
3. The rising Sun shall shine on us to bring the light of day to all who sit in darkest night and shadow of the grave. Our footsteps God shall safely guide to walk the ways of peace. His name forevermore be blessed who lives and loves and saves.

Text: Luke 1:67-79, trans. by James Quinn, SJ. Tune: FOREST GREEN, traditional English melody.

Intercessions

Respond: "Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

Lord's Prayer

Kiss of Peace

Closing Prayer

Lord, hear the prayers of your people. May we who celebrate the birth of your Son among us rejoice in the gift of eternal life when he comes in glory, for he 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 everlasting life.

—Amen.