Morning Prayer
Friday - 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: "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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Psalmody (please be seated)

(Repeat antiphon after Leader)
Ant: Our King will come from Zion; the Lord, God-is-with-us, is his mighty name.

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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 judgment. 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: Our King will come from Zion; the Lord, God-is-with-us, is his mighty name.

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
All powerful God, it is through your Church, generously endowed with gifts of grace and fortified by the Holy Spirit, that you send out your word to all nations. Strengthen your Church with the best of all food and make it dauntless in faith. Multiply its children to celebrate with one accord the mysteries of your love at the altar on high.

Reading: Luke 1:57-66
The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all

these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Quiet 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.

Text: Benedictus, Luke 1:68-79, Ruth Dick 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.
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Intercessions

Respond: "Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

Lord's Prayer
Kiss of Peace

Closing Prayer
Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to the joy of the kingdom where you live and reign with the Father and 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.