

Morning Prayer

Christmas Wednesday

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: “Canticle of the Turning”

- My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blessed. Could the world be about to turn?*

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near and the world is about to turn!

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Reading: 1 John 3:7-10

Children, let no one deceive you. The person who acts in righteousness is righteous, just as he is righteous. Whoever sins belongs to the Devil, because the Devil has sinned from the beginning. Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the Devil. No one who is begotten by God commits sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot sin because he is begotten by God. In this way, the children of God and the children of the Devil are made plain; no one who fails to act in righteousness belongs to God, nor anyone who does not love his brother.

The word of the Lord

Sung Psalm

Psalm 90: "You Have Been Our Dwelling Place"

Please repeat refrain after cantor the first time and sing after each verse:

You have been our dwelling place throughout all time, our safety, our refuge, our home.

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Antiphon: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Psalm 98

L: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;

R: His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

L: Let the sea and what fills it resound, the world and those who dwell in it;

R: Let the rivers clap their hands, the mountains shout with them for joy before the LORD.

L: The LORD comes; he comes to rule the earth;

R: He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with equity.

Psalm-prayer

So that your people may walk in innocence, you came to us, Lord Jesus, and told us to be holy as your Father 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 the Father's love and justice.

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Gospel: John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah," which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas," which is translated Peter.

Reflection

Song: "We Are Many Parts"

Refrain: We are many parts, we are all one body; and the gifts we have, we are given to share.

May the Spirit of love make us one indeed; one, the love that we share, one, our hope in despair, one, the cross that we bear.

1: God of all, we look to you, we would be your servants true, let us be your love to all the world.

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Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Closing Prayer

Increase in us, Lord, the faith you have given us, and bring to a harvest worthy of heaven the praise we offer you at the beginning of this new day. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. — Amen.

Dismissal

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

— Amen.

