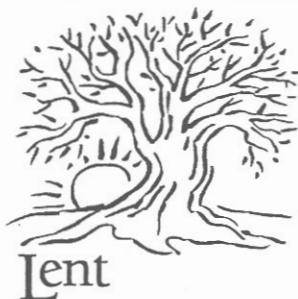


MORNING PRAYER
MONDAY- LENT - WEEK 5



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: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

1. *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee: Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty, God in three persons Blessed Trinity.*
2. *Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.*
3. *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty, God in persons, blessed Trinity*

Text Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt. Tune NICAEA John B Dykes, 1823-1876.

(Please be seated)

Reading: Daniel 13:41c -62

The assembly condemned Susanna to death. But Susanna cried aloud, "O eternal God, you know what is hidden and are aware of all things before they come to be: you know that they have testified falsely against me. Here I am about to die, though I have done none of the things with which these wicked men have charged me" the Lord heard her prayer. As she was being led into execution, God stirred up the Holy Spirit of a young boy named Daniel. And he cried aloud: "I will have no part in the death of this woman." All the people turned and asked him, "What is this you are saying?" He stood in their midst and continued, "Are you such fools, O children of Israel to condemn a woman of Israel without examination and without clear evidence?. Return to court, for they have testified falsely against her." then all the people returned in haste. To Daniel the elders said, "Come sit with us and inform us, since God has given you prestige of old age." But he replied, "Separate these two so that I may examine them." After they were separated one for the other, he called one of them and said, "How have you grown evil with age! Now have your past sins come to term: passing unseen sentences, condemning the innocent, and freeing the guilty, although the Lord says, 'The innocent and the just you shall not be put to death.' Now, then, if you were a witness, tell me under what tree you saw them together." "Under a mastic tree," he answered. Daniel replied, "Your fine lie has cost you your head, for the angel of God shall receive the sentence from him and split you two." Putting him to one side, he ordered the other one to be brought. Daniel said to him, "Offspring of Canaan, not Judah, beauty has seduced you, lust has subverted your conscience. This is how you acted with the daughters of Israel, and in their fear they yielded to you; but a daughter of Judah did not tolerate your wickedness. Now, then, tell me under what tree you surprised them together?" "Under an oak," he said. Daniel replied, "Your fine lie has cost you your head," for the angel of God waits with a sword to cut you in two so as to make an end to you both." The whole assembly cried aloud, blessing God who saves those who hope in him. They rose up against the elders, for by their own words Daniel had convicted them of perjury. According to the law of Moses, they inflicted on them the penalty they had planned to impose on their neighbor; they put them to death. Thus was innocent blood spared that day.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 126: "Your Love is Finer than Life"

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

O God I seek you, my soul thirsts for You. Your love is finer than life.

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PSALMODY:23

Antiphon (Please repeat after the Leader)

Ant: Even though I walk in a dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

L. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

L. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

Psalm Prayer

Lord, all justice and all goodness come from you; you hate evil and abhor lies. Lead us, your servants, in the path of your justice, so that all who hope in you may rejoice with your Church and in Christ.

(Antiphon all together)

Antiphon. Even though I walk in the dark valley, I fear no evil for you are at my side.

Reading: John 8: 1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the Scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such a woman. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued to asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She

replied, "No one, Sir" then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on do not sin any more."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

(Please Stand)

"Canticle of the Sun"

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is 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 the wind, that blows through the trees, the seas mighty storms the gentlest breeze, they blow where they will, they blow where they please, to please the Lord.*

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Intercessions: (please respond "Lord hear our prayer")

Lord's Prayer

Kiss of Peace

Closing Prayer

God of love, source of all blessings, help us to pass from our old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare us for the glory of your reign. 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. Amen

Dismissal

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