

Morning Prayer
Monday - Week 3



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: “All Creatures of Our God and King”

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voi-ces, let us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden gleam, soft silver moon that gently gleams.

O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. O rushing wind and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft, O praise God! Alleluia! O rising morn, in praise rejoice. O lights of evening find a voice.

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Reading 1 Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17A

When Balaam raised his eyes and saw Israel encamped, tribe by tribe, the spirit of God came upon him, and he gave voice to his oracle: The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor, the utterance of a man whose eye is true, The utterance of one who hears what God says, and knows what the Most High knows, Of one who sees what the Almighty sees, enraptured, and with eyes unveiled: How goodly are your tents, O Jacob; your encampments, O Israel! They are like gardens beside a stream, like the cedars planted by the LORD. His wells shall yield free-flowing waters, he shall have the sea within reach; His king shall rise higher, and his royalty shall be exalted. Then Balaam gave voice to his oracle: The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor, the utterance of the man whose eye is true, The utterance of one who hears what God says, and knows what the Most

High knows, Of one who sees what the Almighty sees, enraptured, and with eyes unveiled. I see him, though not now; I behold him, though not near: A star shall advance from Jacob, and a staff shall rise from Israel.

Psalmody (please be seated)

(Repeat antiphon after Leader)

Ant: The Lord is coming without delay. He will reveal things kept hidden and show himself to all humanity, alleluia.

Psalm 84

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

R: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

L: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

R: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

L: As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

R: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

L: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

R: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

L: O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Psalm Prayer

Bless your people, Lord. You have given us the law that we may walk from strength to strength and raise our minds to you from this valley of tears. May we receive the gifts you have gained for us.

(Antiphon all together)

Ant: The Lord is coming without delay. He will reveal things kept hidden and show himself to all humanity, alleluia.

Psalm 33: "Let Your Mercy Be On Us"

Please repeat refrain after cantor the first time:

Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

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Psalm Prayer

Lord, you have renewed the face of the earth. Your Church throughout the world sings you a new song, announcing your wonders to all. Through a virgin, you have brought forth a new birth in our world; through your miracles, a new power; through your suffering, a new patience; in your resurrection, a new hope, and in your ascension, new mystery.

Reading: Matthew 21:23-27

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

Reflection

Song: Canticle of Zechariah

Now bless the God of Israel who comes in love and power, who raises from the royal house deliverance 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.

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Intercessions:-- Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Closing Prayer

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birth of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who 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.