

Morning Prayer

Wednesday - Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time



*We know
that all
things work
together
for good for
those who
love God....*

Romans 8:28

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: "Fresh As the Morning"

1. *God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come, you are our center, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our home.*

Refrain: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change. Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

2. *God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part, still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit, feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.*

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Reading: 1 Nehemiah 2:1-8

In the month Nisan of the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when the wine was in my charge, I took some and offered it to the king. As I had never before been sad in his presence, the king asked me, "Why do you look sad? If you are not sick, you must be sad at heart." Though I was seized with great fear, I answered the king: "May the king live forever! How could I not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been eaten out by fire?" The king asked me, "What is it, then, that you wish?" I prayed to the God of heaven and then answered the king: "If it please the king, and if your servant is deserving of your favor, send me to Judah, to the city of my ancestors' graves, to rebuild it." Then the king, and the queen seated beside him, asked me how long my journey would take and when I would return. I set a date that was acceptable to him, and the king agreed that I might go. I asked the king further: "If it please the king, let letters be given to me for the governors of West-of-Euphrates, that they may afford me safe-conduct till I arrive in Judah; also a letter for Asaph, the keeper of the royal park, that he may give me wood for timbering the gates of the temple-citadel and for the city wall and the house that I shall occupy." The king granted my requests, for the favoring hand of my God was upon me.

The word of the Lord.

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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Psalmody: Psalm 137 (Please repeat the antiphon after the leader)

Ant. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

L. By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion, on the aspens of that land we hung our harps.

R. Though our captors ask of us the lyrics of our songs, and despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

- L. How could we sing a song of the Lord in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten.
- R. May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, if I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

Psalm Prayer

Lord, you do not leave us prey to sorrow and evil. You guide us to new strength and goodness. You are our help, you made heaven and earth and placed the mystery of salvation across the world.

(Antiphon all together)

Ant. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Reading: Luke 9:57-62

As Jesus and his disciples were proceeding on their journey, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." Jesus answered him, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the reign of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

Song: "We Are Many Parts"

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

Please respond "Lord hear our prayer."

Lord's Prayer

Kiss of Peace

Closing Prayer

Lord, your son made known to us your divine love. Teach us the new song of thanksgiving that we may praise your glory now and forever.

Dismissal

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

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.

