

MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAY – 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: "Praise To the Lord, The Almighty"

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near, praise him in glad adoration!*
- 2. Praise to the Lord, above all things mightily reigning, keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining. Have you not seen all you have needed has been met by his gracious ordaining?*
- 3. Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us, surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love will befriend us.*

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(Please be seated)

Reading: Genesis 17: 3-9

When Abram prostrated himself, God spoke to him: " My covenant with you is this: you are to become the father of a host of nations. No longer shall you be called Abram; your name shall be Abraham, for I am making you the father of a host of nations. I will render you exceedingly fertile; I will make nations of you; kings shall stem from you. I will maintain my covenant with you and your descendants after you throughout the ages as an everlasting pack, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. I will give to you and to your descendants after you the land in which you are now staying, the whole land of Canaan, as a permanent possession; and I will be your God. " God also said to Abraham: "On your part, you and your descendants after you must keep my covenant throughout the ages."

The word of the Lord

The Lord Is My Light (Ps 27)

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help, the Lord is my salvation.

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PSALMODY: 105:4-9

Antiphon (Please repeat after the Leader)

Ant: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

L. Look to the Lord in his strength; seek to serve him constantly; Recall the wondrous deeds that he has wrought, his portents, and judgments he has uttered.

R. You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He, the Lord is our God, throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

L. He remembers his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations – which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac.

Psalm Prayer

God of Abraham and Jesus Christ, God of promise, make our hearts fertile. Let your spirit renew our lives until the day your son's victory is revealed to all men.

(Antiphon all together)

Antiphon. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Reading: John 8: 51-59

Jesus said to the Jews: "Amen, amen I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death." So the Jews said to him, "Now we are sure that you are possessed. Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say 'whoever keeps my word will never see death'. Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? Or the prophets who died? Who do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my story is worth nothing; but it is my Father who glorifies, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' You do not know him, but I know him. And if I should say I do not know him, I would be like you a liar. But I do know him and I keep his word. Abraham your father rejoiced to see my day; he saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old and you have seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you before Abraham came to be, I AM." So they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple area.

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. *Sing to the earth, who makes life to grow, the creatures you made to
Let Your life show, he flowers and trees that help us to know the Heart of Love.*

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

Lord's Prayer

Kiss of Peace

Closing Prayer

Lord God, come to us; free us from the stain of our sins. Help us to remain faithful to a holy way of life, and guide us to the inheritance you have promised.
Amen

Dismissal

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

Wait for the LORD: be of good
courage, and he shall strengthen thine
heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.
Psalm 27:14

