

Morning Prayer Thursday - 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: “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

1. The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks; when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
2. Not as of old, a little child, to bear to fight, to die; but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.
3. The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past; O haste the rising of that morn, the day that aye shall last.

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Reading 1 Genesis 49:2, 8-10

Jacob called his sons and said to them: “Assemble and listen, sons of Jacob, listen to Israel, your father. “You, Judah, shall your brothers praise –your hand on the neck of your enemies; the sons of your father shall bow down to you. Judah, like a lion’s whelp, you have grown up on prey, my son. He crouches like a lion recumbent, the king of beasts—who would dare rouse him? The scepter shall never depart from Judah, or the mace from between his legs, While tribute is brought to him, and he receives the people’s homage.”

(Repeat antiphon after Leader)

Ant: Glorious things are said of you, O city of God.

Psalm 87

- L: On the holy mount stands the city cherished by the Lord.
The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God.
- R: Among those who know me I mention Egypt and Babylon; Philistia too, and Tyre, with Ethiopia — “This one was born there,” they say. And of Zion it shall be said, “This one and that one were born in it.”
- L: It is God, the most high who will establish it. The Lord records, as he registers the peoples, “This one was born there.” Singers and dancers alike say, “In you, all find their home.”

Psalm Prayer

Lord God, your only Son wept over ancient Jerusalem, soon to be destroyed for its lack of faith. He established the new Jerusalem firmly upon rock and made it the mother of the faithful. Make us rejoice in your Church and grant that all people may be reborn into the freedom of your Spirit.

(Antiphon all together)

Ant: Glorious things are said of you, O city of God.

Psalm 85: “Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness”

Please repeat refrain after cantor the first time:

Lord, let us see your kindness; Lord, let us see your kindness.

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Psalm Prayer

God, you are the source of all holiness. Though no one can see you and live, you give life most generously and in an even greater way restore it. Sanctify your ministers through your life-giving Word and consecrate all your people in his blood until our eyes see your face.

Gospel Matthew 1:1-17

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king.

David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.

After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, fourteen generations.

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, our sins bring us unhappiness. Hear our prayer for courage and strength. May the coming of your Son bring us the joy of salvation. 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.

Dismissal

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

—Amen.