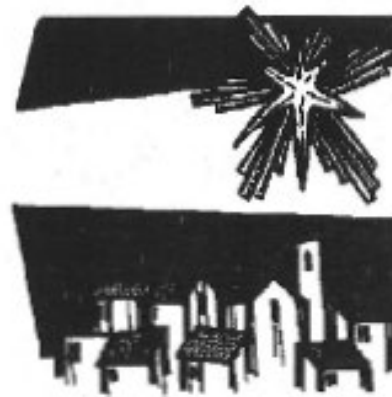


Morning Prayer

Thursday - Week 1



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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Psalmody

(Repeat antiphon after Leader)

Ant: Awake, lyre and harp, with praise let us wake the dawn.

Psalm 57

- L: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.
- R: I cry to God Most High, to God who fulfils the purpose for me. God will send from heaven and save me, God will put to shame those who trample upon me.
- L: God will send forth a steadfast love and faithfulness!
- R: I lie in the midst of lions that greedily devour our ancestors; their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongues sharp swords.
- L: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!
- R: They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it themselves.
- L: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!
- R: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
- L: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Psalm Prayer

Lord, send your mercy and your truth to rescue us from the snares of evil. We will praise you among the peoples and proclaim you to the nations, happy to be known as companions of your Son.

(Antiphon all together)

Ant: Awake, lyre and harp, with praise let us wake the dawn.

Reading: IS 26:1-6

On that day they will sing this song in the land of Judah: "A strong city have we; he sets up walls and ramparts to protect us. Open up the gates to let in a nation that is just, one that keeps faith. A nation of firm purpose you keep in peace; in peace, for its trust in you. "Trust in the LORD forever! For the LORD is an eternal Rock. He humbles those in high places, and the lofty city he brings down; He tumbles it to the ground, levels it with the dust. It is trampled underfoot by the needy, by the footsteps of the poor. The word of the Lord.

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

Lord, the body of your risen Son is the temple not made by human hands and the defending wall of the new Jerusalem. May this holy city, built of living stones, shine with spiritual radiance and witness to your greatness in the sight of all nations.

Reading: Matthew 7:21,24-27

Jesus said to his disciples: "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but only those who do the will of God who is in heaven.

"Every one who hears my words and puts them into action will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house. It did not fall, because it had been solidly set on rock. And every one who hears these words of mine and does not put them into action will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house. It collapsed under all this and was completely destroyed."

Canticle of Zechariah

Now bless the God of Israel who comes in love and power, who raises from the royal house deliv'rance 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

Respond: "Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord God, we need your help. Free us from sin and bring us to life. Support us by your saving power. 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.