

MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY – LENT- HOLY WEEK



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.

We Are the Light of the World

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God

REFRAIN: *We are the light of the world; may our light shine before all, that they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.*

Blessed are they who are meek and humble, They will inherit the earth Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God **REFRAIN**

Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow, They will be comforted Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sorrow; Bless us, O Lord, our God **REFRAIN**

Blessed are they who bring peace among us, They are the children of God Bless us, O Lord, may your peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God **REFRAIN**... And give glory to God. (repeat)

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Reading: Prophet Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I might hear; and I have not rebelled. Have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord God is my help therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to

shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let him confront me, See, the Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong?

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 51: “ Be Merciful, O Lord”

Please repeat refrain after cantor the first time and sing after each verse.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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PSALMODY: 69

Antiphon (Please repeat after the Leader)

Ant: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

L. For your sake I hear insult, and shame covers my face. I have become an out cast to my brothers, and stranger to my mother's sons, because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.

R. Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak, I looked for sympathy, but there was none; for consolers, not one could I find. Rather they put gall in my food, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink

L. I will praise the name of God in song, and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.
“See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, my your hearts revive!
for the Lord hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.”

Psalm Prayer

Lord, you clothe the sky with light and the depths of the ocean with darkness. Among your people you work wonders, and rain terror upon the enemy. Look upon your servants. Do not try us by fire but bring us rejoicing to the shelter of your home.

(Antiphon all together)

Antiphon. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Reading: Matthew: 61

One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priest and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces in silver and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." ' " The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said in reply, "He who dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me, the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."

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. *Praise to the fire, who gives us his light, the warmth of the sun to brighten our night, he dances with joy, his spirit so bright, he sings of You.*

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

Lord's Prayer

Kiss of Peace

Closing Prayer

Lord, in your plan of salvation your Son Jesus Christ accepted the cross and freed us from the power of the enemy, May we come to share the glory of his resurrection, for he 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 life everlasting.
Amen.

Wait for the LORD: be of good
courage, and he shall strengthen thine
heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.
Psalm 27:1-4

