

MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY – 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.

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: Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95

King Nebuchadnezzar said: "It is true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you will not serve my god, or worship the golden statue that I set up? Be ready now to fall down and worship the statue I had made, whenever you hear the sound of the trumpet, flute, lyre, harp, psaltery, bagpipe, and all other musical instruments; otherwise, you shall be instantly cast into the white-hot furnace; and who is the God that can deliver you out of my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and

Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, "There is no need for us to defraud ourselves before you in this matter. If our God, whom we serve, can save us from the white-hot furnace and from your hands, O King, may he save us! But even if he will not, know, O King, that we will not serve your god or worship the golden statue that you set up." King Nebuchadnezzar's face became livid with utter rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace be heated seven times more than usual and had some of the strongest men in his army bind Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and cast them into the white-hot furnace. Nebuchadnezzar rose in haste and asked his nobles, "Did you not cast three men bound into the fire?" "Assuredly, O king," they answered. "But", he replied, "I see four men unfettered and unhurt, walking in the fire, and the fourth looks like a son of God." Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed. "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who sent his angel to deliver the servants who trusted him; they disobeyed the royal command and yielded their bodies rather than serve or worship any god except their own God." 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: Daniel 3: 52-56

Antiphon (Please repeat after the Leader)

Ant: Glory and praise forever!

L. "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; and blessed is your glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages."

R. "Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

L. "Blessed are you in the throne of your kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. "Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the cherubim; praiseworthy and exalted above all forever."

L. "Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven, praiseworthy and glorious forever."

Psalm Prayer

Turn our eyes to see the truth of your judgments, O Lord. When our spirits are tried by fire, may the anticipation of seeing you make us rejoice in your justice.

(Antiphon all together)

Antiphon. Glory and praise for ever!

Reading: John 8: 31-42

Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How can you say, 'You will become free?'" Jesus answered them, "Amen, Amen I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. A slave does not remain in a household forever, but a son always remains. So if the Son frees you, then you will truly be free. I know that you are descendants of Abraham. But you are trying to kill me, because my word has no room among you. I tell you what I have seen in the Father's presence; then do what you have heard from the Father." They answered and said to him, "Our father is Abraham."

Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works of Abraham. But now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God; Abraham did not do this. You are doing the works of your father!" So they said to him, "We were not born of fornication. We have one Father, God." Jesus said to them "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and am here; I did not come on my own, but he sent me."

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 give 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:

God of mercy, hear the prayers of your repentant children who call on you in love. Enlighten our minds and sanctify our hearts. We ask this through Christ or Lord.

Dismissal

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