

Morning Prayer

Wednesday - 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: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God
appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel to you shall come Emmanuel!

2. O come, O wisdom from on high who orders all things
mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us
in her ways to go.
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes
on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law, in
cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Text: Latin, 9th century. Music: Chant, Mode 1, Veni, Veni Emmanuel, adapt. by T. Helmore, 1811-1890.

Reading 1 IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25

I am the LORD, there is no other; I form the light, and create the darkness, I make well-being and create woe; I, the LORD, do all these things. Let justice descend, O heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the skies drop it down. Let the earth open and salvation bud forth; let justice also spring up! I, the LORD, have created this. For thus says the LORD, The creator of the heavens, who is God, The designer and maker of the earth who established it, Not creating it to be a waste, but designing it be lived in: I am the LORD, and there is no other. Who announced this from the beginning and foretold it from of old? Was it not I, the LORD, besides whom there is no other God? There is no just and saving God but me. Turn to me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I

am God; there is no other! By myself I swear, uttering my just decree and my unalterable word: To me every knee shall bend; by me every tongue shall swear, Saying, "Only in the LORD are just deeds and power. Before him in shame shall come all who vent their anger against him. In the LORD shall be the vindication and the glory of all the descendants of Israel."

(Repeat antiphon after Leader)

Ant: Give joy to your servant, Lord; to you I lift up your heart.

Psalm 86

- L: Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;
- R: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- L: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.
- R: In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
- L: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.
- R: Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
- L: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.
- R: O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.
- L: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
- R: Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl. Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Psalm Prayer

God of mercy and goodness, when Christ called out to you in torment, you heard him and gave him victory over death because of his love for you. We already know the affection you have for us; fill us with a greater love of your name and we will proclaim you more boldly before our world and happily lead all to celebrate your glory.

(Antiphon all together)

Ant: Give joy to your servant, Lord; to you I lift up your heart.

Psalm 80: "Lord, Make Us Turn To You"

Please repeat refrain after cantor the first time:

Lord, make us turn to You, show us Your face, and we shall be saved.

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Psalm Prayer

Lord, you revealed your justice to all nations. We stood condemned, and you sent your Son to be judged in our place. Send your saving power on us and, when he comes in glory, bring your mercy to those for whom you he was condemned.

Reading: Luke 7:18-23

John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'" Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. Blessed are those who find no stumbling-block in me."

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, may the coming celebration of the birth of your Son bring us your saving help and prepare us for eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.