Morning Prayer

5 October 2021

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Introductory Verse

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

## Morning Hymn

### Darkness Has Faded

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# PSALMODY

## First Psalm

Psalm 84 (85)

**Our salvation is at hand**

*When our Saviour came on earth God blessed his land (Origen).*

*Antiphon:* Lord, you blessed your land; you forgave the guilt of your people.

O Lord, you once favoured your land

and revived the fortunes of Jacob,

you forgave the guilt of your people

and covered all their sins.

You averted all your rage,

you calmed the heat of your anger.

Revive us now, God, our helper!

Put an end to your grievance against us.

Will you be angry with us for ever,

will your anger never cease?

Will you not restore again our life

that your people may rejoice in you?

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,

a voice that speaks of peace,

peace for his people and his friends

and those who turn to him in their hearts.

His help is near for those who fear him

and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;

justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth

and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper

and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him

and peace shall follow his steps.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end.

Amen.

*Antiphon:* Lord, you blessed your land; you forgave the guilt of your people.

## OT Canticle

Isaiah 26:1-4, 7-9, 12

**Hymn after victory over the enemy**

*The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones (cf. Rev 21:14).*

*Antiphon:* At night my soul longs for you; I watch for you at daybreak.

We have a strong city;

he sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks.

Open the gates,

that the righteous nation which keeps faith may enter in.

You keep him in perfect peace,

whose mind is stayed on you,

because he trusts in you.

Trust in the Lord for ever,

for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

The way of the righteous is level;

you make smooth the path of the righteous.

In the path of your judgements, O Lord,

we wait for you.

My soul yearns for you in the night,

my spirit within me earnestly seeks you;

for when your judgements are in the earth,

the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

O Lord, you will ordain peace for us;

you have wrought for us all our works.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end.

Amen.

*Antiphon:* At night my soul longs for you; I watch for you at daybreak.

## Second Psalm

Psalm 66 (67)

**All the peoples will give praise to the Lord**

*Let it be known to you that this salvation from God has been sent to all peoples (Acts 28:28).*

*Antiphon:* Lord, let your face shed its light upon us.

O God, be gracious and bless us

and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth

and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and exult

for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples,

you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its fruit

for God, our God, has blessed us.

May God still give us his blessing

till the ends of the earth revere him.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end.

Amen.

*Antiphon:* Lord, let your face shed its light upon us.

# WORD OF GOD

## Reading

1 John 4:14-15

We ourselves saw and we testify

that the Father sent his Son

as saviour of the world.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,

God lives in him, and he in God.

## Period of Silence and Responsory

My helper is my God; I will place my trust in him.

*- My helper is my God; I will place my trust in him.*

He is my refuge; he sets me free.

*- My helper is my God; I will place my trust in him.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*- My helper is my God; I will place my trust in him.*

# PRAISE AND INTERCESSION

## Canticle of Zechariah

*Antiphon:* The Lord has raised up a mighty saviour for us, as he promised through the lips of his prophets.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour

in the house of David his servant,

as he promised by the lips of holy men,

those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes,

from the hands of all who hate us.

So his love for our fathers is fulfilled

and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,

that free from fear,

and saved from the hands of our foes,

we might serve him in holiness and justices

all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child,

you shall be called a prophet of God,

the Most High.

you shall go ahead of the Lord

to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation

through forgiveness of all their sins,

the loving-kindness of the heart of our God

who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness,

those who dwell in the shadow of death,

and guide us into the way of peace.

*Antiphon:* The Lord has raised up a mighty saviour for us, as he promised through the lips of his prophets.

## Intercessions

By shedding his blood for us, Christ gathered together a new people from every corner of the earth. Let us pray to him:

R. *- Christ, be mindful of your people.*

Christ, our king and redeemer: help us to know your power and your love.

R. *- Christ, be mindful of your people.*

Christ, our hope and courage: sustain us throughout the day.

R. *- Christ, be mindful of your people.*

Christ, our refuge and strength: fight with us against our weakness.

R. *- Christ, be mindful of your people.*

Christ, our joy and solace: stay with the poor and lonely.

R. *- Christ, be mindful of your people.*

## Lord's Prayer

As sons and daughters of a loving God, we pray in the confident words of his Son:

**Our Father who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us,**

**and lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

## Concluding Prayer

Almighty God,

to whom this world with all its goodness and beauty belongs,

give us grace joyfully to begin this day in your name

and to fill it with an active love for you and our neighbour.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

# CONCLUDING RITE

## Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

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