Morning Prayer

6 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 85 (86)

**Prayer of a poor man in distress**

*Blessed be God, who comforts us in all our sorrows (2 Cor 1:3-4).*

*Antiphon:* Give joy to your servant, Lord, for to you I lift my soul.

Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer

for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am faithful;

save the servant who trusts in you.

You are my God, have mercy on me, Lord,

for I cry to you all the day long.

Give joy to your servant, O Lord,

for to you I lift up my soul.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,

full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer

and attend to the sound of my voice.

In the day of distress I will call

and surely you will reply.

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord;

nor work to compare with yours.

All the nations shall come to adore you

and glorify your name, O Lord:

for you are great and do marvellous deeds,

you who alone are God.

Show me, Lord, your way

so that I may walk in your truth.

Guide my heart to fear your name.

I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart

and glorify your name for ever;

for your love to me has been great:

you have saved me from the depths of the grave.

The proud have risen against me;

ruthless men seek my life;

to you they pay no heed.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,

slow to anger, O Lord,

abounding in love and truth,

turn and take pity on me.

O give your strength to your servant

and save your handmaid's son.

Show me a sign of your favour

that my foes may see to their shame

that you console me and give me your help.

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:* Give joy to your servant, Lord, for to you I lift my soul.

## OT Canticle

Isaiah 33:13-16

**God will rule with justice**

*The promise that was made is for you and your children and for all those who are far away (Acts 2:39).*

*Antiphon:* Blessed is the man who walks in justice and speaks what is true.

Hear, you who are far off,

what I have done;

and you who are near,

acknowledge my might.

The sinners in Sion are afraid;

trembling has seized the godless:

'Who among us can dwell with the devouring fire?

Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?'

He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly,

who despises the gain of oppressions,

who shakes his hands lest they hold a bribe,

who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed

and shuts his eyes from looking upon evil,

He will dwell on the heights;

his place of defence will be the fortresses of rocks;

his bread will be given him,

his water will be sure.

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:* Blessed is the man who walks in justice and speaks what is true.

## Second Psalm

Psalm 97 (98)

**The Lord is victor and a just ruler**

*This psalm tells of the first coming of the Lord and of the faith of all peoples (St Athanasius).*

*Antiphon:* Acclaim the King, the Lord.

Sing a new song to the Lord

for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm

have brought salvation.

The Lord has made know his salvation;

has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love

for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth,

ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp

with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;

the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands

and the hills ring out their joy

at the presence of the Lord: for he comes,

he comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the world with justice

and the peoples with fairness.

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:* Acclaim the King, the Lord.

# WORD OF GOD

## Reading

Job 1:21,2:10

Naked I came from my mother's womb,

naked I shall return.

The Lord gave, the Lord has taken back.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

If we take happiness from God's hand,

must we not take sorrow too?

## Period of Silence and Responsory

Bend my heart to your will, O God.

*- Bend my heart to your will, O God.*

By your word, give me life.

*- Bend my heart to your will, O God.*

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

*- Bend my heart to your will, O God.*

# PRAISE AND INTERCESSION

## Canticle of Zechariah

*Antiphon:* Show us your mercy, O Lord; remember your holy covenant.

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:* Show us your mercy, O Lord; remember your holy covenant.

## Intercessions

God is love: he who dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him. In Jesus Christ we see how God loves us. Let us renew our faith in his love:

R. *- Lord Jesus, you loved us and gave yourself for us.*

You have given us life and light this morning: let us give thanks for such great gifts.

R. *- Lord Jesus, you loved us and gave yourself for us.*

You are sole master of the future: keep us from despair and the fear of what is to come.

R. *- Lord Jesus, you loved us and gave yourself for us.*

Love has no ambition to seek anything for itself: strengthen our will to give up selfishness today.

R. *- Lord Jesus, you loved us and gave yourself for us.*

May your love in us overcome all things: let there be no limit to our faith, our hope, and our endurance.

R. *- Lord Jesus, you loved us and gave yourself for us.*

## 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

Lord God,

in your wisdom you created us,

by your providence you rule us:

penetrate our inmost being with your holy light,

so that our way of life

may always be one of faithful service to you.

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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