Morning Prayer

8 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 50 (51)

**O God, have mercy on me**

*You must be made new in mind and spirit, and put on the new nature of God's creating (Eph 4:23,24).*

*Antiphon:* Against you alone have I sinned; Lord, have mercy on me.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt

and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;

my sin is always before me

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;

what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence

and be without reproach when you judge,

O see, in guilt I was born,

a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;

then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.

O purify me, then I shall be clean;

O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,

that the bones you have crushed may thrill.

From my sins turn away your face

and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God,

put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,

nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;

with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

that I may teach transgressors your ways

and sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my helper,

and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.

O Lord, open my lips

and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,

burnt offering from me you would refuse,

my sacrifice, a contrite spirit.

A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favour to Zion:

rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,

holocausts offered on your altar.

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:* Against you alone have I sinned; Lord, have mercy on me.

## OT Canticle

Jeremiah 14:17-21

**Lament of the people in the time of famine and war**

*The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel (Mk 1:15).*

*Antiphon:* We know our offences, Lord; we have sinned against you.

Let my eyes run down with tears night and day,

and let them not cease,

for the virgin daughter of my people is smitten with a great wound,

with a very grievous blow.

If I go out into the field,

behold, those slain by the sword!

And if I enter the city,

behold, the diseases of famine!

For both prophet and priest ply their trade through the land,

and have no knowledge.

Have you utterly rejected Judah?

Does your soul loathe Sion?

Why have you smitten us

so that there is no healing for us?

We looked for peace,

but no good came;

for a time of healing,

but behold, terror.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord,

and the iniquity of our fathers,

for we have sinned against you.

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake,

do not dishonour your glorious throne;

remember and do not break your covenant with 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.

*Antiphon:* We know our offences, Lord; we have sinned against you.

## Second Psalm

Psalm 99 (100)

**The joy of those who enter the temple of the Lord**

*The Lord calls all those he has redeemed to sing a hymn of victory (St Athanasius).*

*Antiphon:* The Lord is God; we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Go within his gates, giving thanks.

Enter his courts with songs of praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

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:* The Lord is God; we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

# WORD OF GOD

## Reading

2 Corinthians 12:9b-10

I am most happy, then, to be proud of my weaknesses, in order to feel the protection of Christ's power over me. I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and difficulties for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## Period of Silence and Responsory

In the morning let me know your love.

*- In the morning let me know your love.*

Make me know the way I should walk.

*- In the morning let me know your love.*

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

*- In the morning let me know your love.*

# PRAISE AND INTERCESSION

## Canticle of Zechariah

*Antiphon:* The Lord has visited his people, he has come to redeem them.

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 visited his people, he has come to redeem them.

## Intercessions

We have a high priest, able to sympathise with us in our weakness, one who, because of his likeness to us, has been tempted in every way, but did not sin. Let us pray to him:

R. *- Show us your mercy and compassion.*

Lord, for the joy which lay in the future, you willingly went to the cross: make us share your death, that we may also share your joy.

R. *- Show us your mercy and compassion.*

Lord, you said 'Let any man who thirsts come to me and drink': give your Spirit now to those who thirst for you.

R. *- Show us your mercy and compassion.*

You sent your disciples to preach the gospel to every nation: bless those men and women who devote their lives to preaching the gospel today.

R. *- Show us your mercy and compassion.*

Help those in pain to know that the Father cares for them for he loves them as he loves his own Son.

R. *- Show us your mercy and compassion.*

## 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 Father,

let your light so penetrate our minds

that, walking in your commandments,

we may always follow you, our leader and guide.

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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