

Sunday 2 May 2021

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

Introduction (without Invitatory)

If this is the first Hour that you are reciting today, use the version with the Invitatory Psalm instead.

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.

Hymn

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky,

Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry:

The glad earth shouts her triumph high,

And groaning hell makes wild reply.

While he, the King of sovereign might,

Treads down death's strength in death's despite,

And trampling hell by victor's right,

Brings forth his sleeping saints to light.

Fast barred beneath the stone of late,

In watch and ward where soldiers wait,

Now shining in triumphant state,

He rises victor from death's gate.

Hell's pains are loosed and tears are fled:

Captivity is captive led:

The angel, crowned with light, hath said:

'The Lord is risen from the dead.'

Author of all, be thou our guide

In this our joy of Eastertide;

Whene'er assaults of death impend,

Thy people strengthen and defend.

To thee who, dead, again dost live,

All glory, Lord, thy people give:

All glory, as is ever meet,

To Father and to Paraclete.

**Psalm 62 (63)
Thirsting for God**

"Let the man who has put away the deeds of the night watch for God."

Let anyone who is thirsty come and drink the water of life, a free gift for those who desire it. Alleluia.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

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.

Let anyone who is thirsty come and drink the water of life, a free gift for those who desire it. Alleluia.

Canticle

Daniel 3:57-88,56

All creatures, bless the Lord

“Praise our God, all you his servants” (Rev 19:5).

Worship the maker of heaven and earth and the sea and every spring of water. Alleluia.

O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, the heavens of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, clouds of the sky, O bless the Lord.

And you, all armies of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord.
And you, the stars of the heavens, O bless the Lord.

And you, showers and rain, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, all you breezes and winds, O bless the Lord.
And you, fire and heat, O bless the Lord.

And you, cold and heat, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, showers and dew, O bless the Lord.
And you, frosts and cold, O bless the Lord.

And you, frost and snow, O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, night-time and day, O bless the Lord.
 And you, darkness and light, O bless the Lord.

And you, lightning and clouds, O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, mountains and hills, O bless the Lord.
 And you, all plants of the earth, O bless the Lord.

And you, fountains and springs, O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord.
 And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord.

And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord.
 And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, children of men, O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O Israel, bless the Lord, O bless the Lord.
 And you, priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord.

And you, servants of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, spirits and souls of the just, O bless the Lord.
 And you, holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.

Ananias, Azarias, Mizaël, O bless the Lord.
 To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

Let us praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit:
 To you be highest glory and praise for ever.

May you be blessed, O Lord, in the heavens:
 To you be highest glory and praise for ever.

Worship the maker of heaven and earth and the sea and every spring of water. Alleluia.

Psalm 149
The saints rejoice

“The members of the Church, God’s new people, will rejoice in their king, who is Christ” (Hesychius).

Let the saints rejoice in glory. Alleluia.

Sing a new song to the Lord,
 his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
 Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,
 let Sion’s sons exult in their king.
 Let them praise his name with dancing
 and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people.
 He crowns the poor with salvation.
 Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
 shout for joy and take their rest.
 Let the praise of God be on their lips

and a two-edged sword in their hand,
to deal out vengeance to the nations
and punishment on all the peoples;
to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles in fetters of iron;
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained:
this honour is for all his faithful.

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.

Let the saints rejoice in glory. Alleluia.

Short Reading

Acts 10:40-43

God raised Jesus to life on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.

Short Responsory

Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia.
– *Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia.*
You have risen from the dead.
– *Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia.*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
– *Have mercy on us, Christ, Son of the living God, alleluia, alleluia.*

Canticle

Benedictus

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, says the Lord. Alleluia.

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 justice
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.

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.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, says the Lord. Alleluia.

Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray to Christ, the author of life. God raised him from the dead, and he himself will raise us to life by his own power.

– *Christ, our life, save us.*

Christ, you are the light that drives out darkness and draws men to holiness;
let us make this day a living hymn of praise.

– *Christ, our life, save us.*

Lord, you followed the way of suffering, even to the cross;
grant that we may die with you and come to life with you.

– *Christ, our life, save us.*

Our master and our brother, you have made us a kingdom of priests to serve God our Father;
let us offer you with joy the sacrifice of praise.

– *Christ, our life, save us.*

King of glory, we look forward to the day of your coming,
then we shall see your face and share in your splendour.

– *Christ, our life, save us.*

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.

Since it is from you, God our Father,
that redemption comes to us, your adopted children,
look with favour on the family you love,
give true freedom to us and to all who believe in Christ,
and bring us all alike to our eternal heritage.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
(one) God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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

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