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# Morning Song

Choral Worship to Start the Day

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## Introit    Ubi caritas    *Duruflé*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Amen.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one.  
Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Amen.*

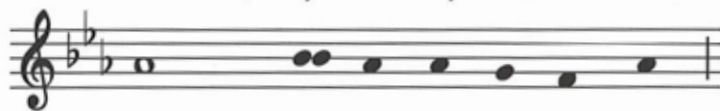
*Gregorian Chant*

## Welcome

## Preces



O Lord, o - pen our lips    **and our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.**



Give us the joy    of your    sa - ving    help



**and sus - tain    us    with your life - giv - ing    Spi - rit.**



Bless - ed    is the Lord,    **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**



therefore shall our hearts    dance for joy



**and in our song    will we praise our God.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

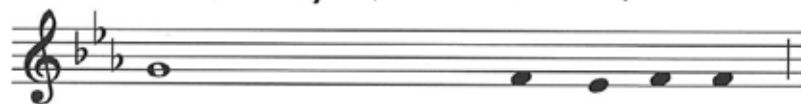
As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

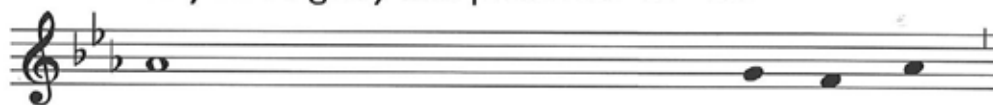
## Prayer of Thanksgiving



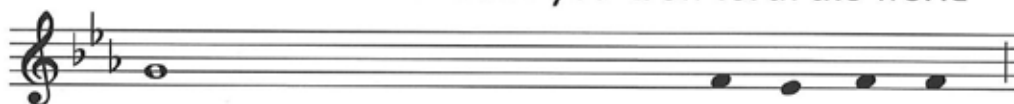
Blessèd are you, Lord our God, creator and redeem-er of all;



to you be glory and praise for ev - er.



From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world



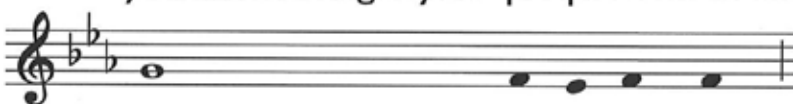
and in your great love fashioned us in your im-age.



Now, through the deep wa - ters of death,



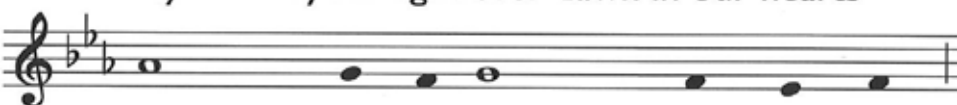
you have brought your people to new birth



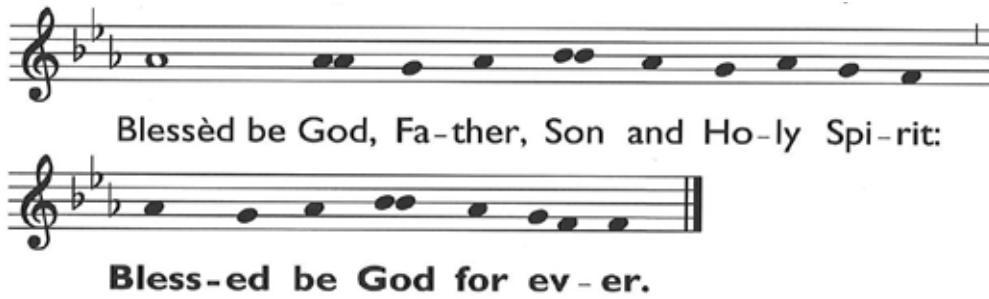
by raising your Son to life in tri-umph.



May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts



as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.



## Psalmody Psalm 20

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 One day pours out its song to another;  
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.
- 3 They have neither speech nore lanugage;  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands  
and their words to the ends of the world.
- 5 In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun;  
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber  
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.
- 6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens  
and runs to the very end again;  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, dripping from honeycomb.

- 11 By them also is your servant taught;  
and in keeping them there is great reward
- 12 Who can tell how often they offend?  
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins  
lest they get dominion over me.
- 13a So shall I be undefiled  
and innocent of great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

### Old Testament Reading Hosea 13. 1-14

When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling; he was exalted in Israel; but he incurred guilt through Baal and died. And now they keep on sinning and make a cast image for themselves, idols of silver made according to their understanding, all of them the work of artisans. 'Sacrifice to these', they say. People are kissing calves! Therefore they shall be like the morning mist or like the dew that goes away early, like chaff that swirls from the threshing-floor or like smoke from a window. Yet I have been the Lord your God ever since the land of Egypt; you know no God but me, and besides me there is no saviour. It was I who fed you in the wilderness, in the land of drought. When I fed them, they were satisfied; they were satisfied, and their heart was proud; therefore they forgot me. So I will become like a lion to them, like a leopard I will lurk beside the way. I will fall upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs, and will tear open the covering of their heart; there I will devour them like a lion, as a wild animal would mangle them. I will destroy you, O Israel; who can help you? Where now is your king, that he may save you? Where in all your cities are your rulers, of whom you said, 'Give me a king and rulers'? I gave you a king in my anger, and I took him away in my wrath. Ephraim's iniquity is bound up; his sin is kept in store. The pangs of childbirth come for him, but he is an unwise son; for at the proper time he does not present himself at the mouth of the womb. Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Shall I redeem them from Death? O Death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your destruction? Compassion is hidden from my eyes.

## Canticle    A Song of David    *John Harper*

- 1    Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,  
for yours is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
- 2    Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;  
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,  
and you are exalted as head over all.
- 3    Riches and honour come from you  
and you rule over all.
- 4    In your hand are power and might;  
yours it is to give power and strength to all.
- 5    And now we give you thanks, our God,  
and praise your glorious name.
- 6    For all things come from you,  
and of your own have we given you.

*1 Chronicles 29.10b–13,14b*

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

## New Testament Reading    1 Corinthians 16. 1-9

Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me. I will visit you after passing through Macedonia—for I intend to pass through Macedonia—and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may send me on my way, wherever I go. I do not want to see you now just in passing, for I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

Gospel Canticle    Benedictus    *John Harper*

- 1    Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2    He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3    Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4    To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5    This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6    Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7    And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8    To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9    In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10    To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68–79*

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

## Prayers

*The response to the prayers is:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer Russian *N Rimsky-Korsakov, arr. David Stancliffe*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

## Collect for the Day

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## Notices

## Blessing

Anthem    Hear my prayer, O Lord    *Purcell*

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee.

*Psalm 102*

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