



Friday 5 March 2021

Morning Song

Choral Worship to Start the Day

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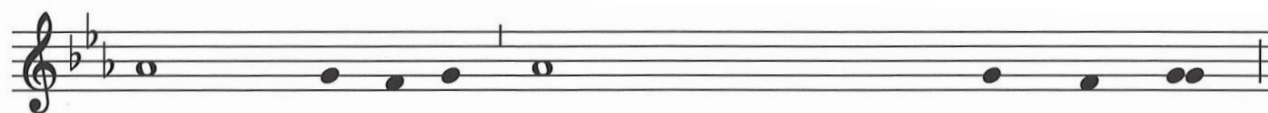
Introit God be in my head *Radcliffe*

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

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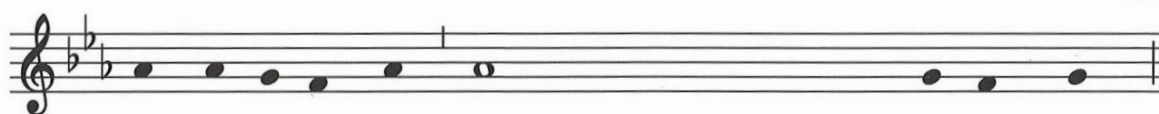
O Lord, o-pen our lips **and our mouth shall pro-claim your praise.**



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.

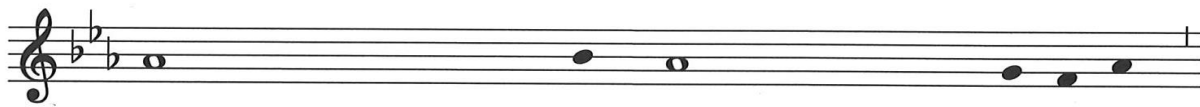
The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

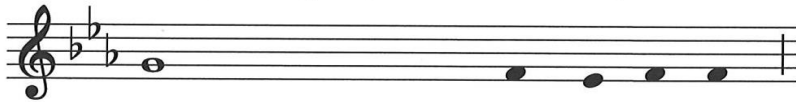
As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All Amen.

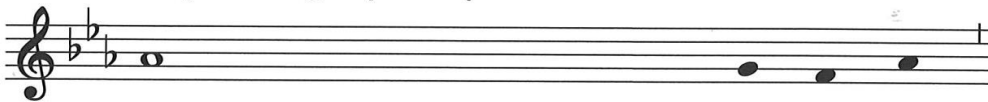
Prayer of Thanksgiving



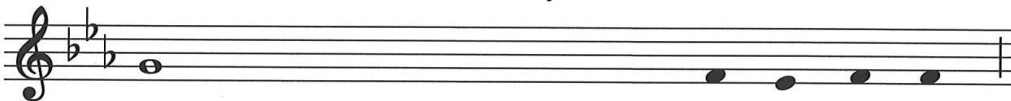
Blessèd are you, Lord our God, creator and redeem-er of all;



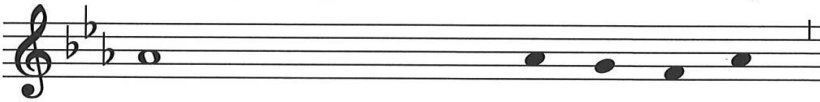
to you be glory and praise for ev - er.



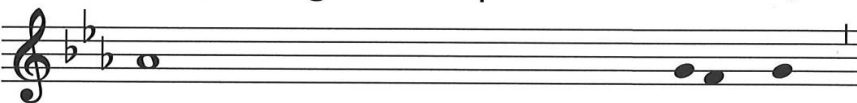
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world



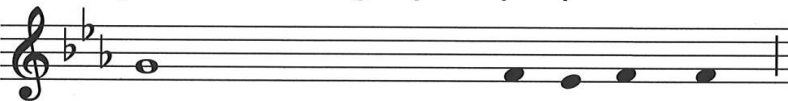
and in your great love fashioned us in your im-age.



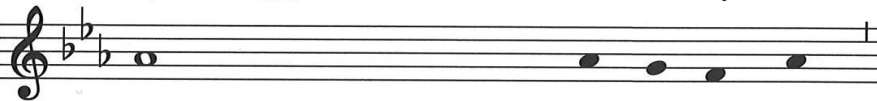
Now, through the deep wa - ters of death,



you have brought your people to new birth



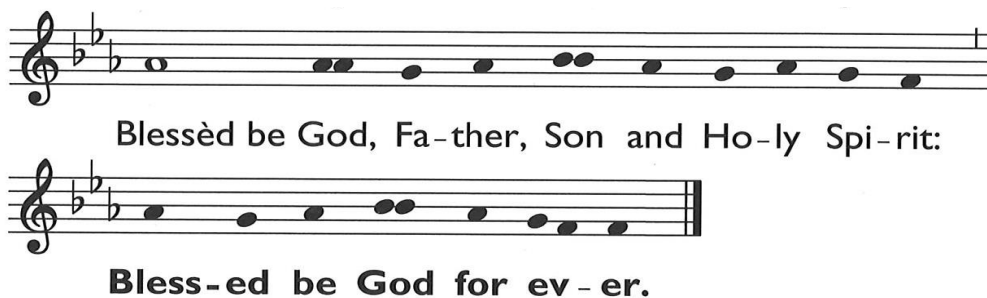
by raising your Son to life in tri - umph.



May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts



as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.



Psalmody Psalm 41

- 1 Blessed are those who consider the poor and needy;
the Lord will deliver them in the time of trouble.
- 2 The Lord preserves them and restores their life,
that they may be happy in the land;
he will not hand them over to the will of their enemies.
- 3 The Lord sustains them on their sickbed;
their sickness, Lord, you will remove.
- 4 And so I said, 'Lord, be merciful to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you.'
- 5 My enemies speak evil about me,
asking when I shall die and my name perish.
- 6 If they come to see me, they utter empty words;
their heart gathers mischief;
when they go out, they tell it abroad.
- 7 All my enemies whisper together against me,
against me they devise evil,
- 8 Saying that a deadly thing has laid hold on me,
and that I will not rise again from where I lie.
- 9 Even my bosom friend, whom I trusted,
who ate of my bread,
has lifted up his heel against me.

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- 10 But you, O Lord, be merciful to me
and raise me up, that I may reward them.
- 11 By this I know that you favour me,
that my enemy does not triumph over me.
- 12 Because of my integrity you uphold me
and will set me before your face for ever.
- 13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 10.1-16

Hear the word that the Lord speaks to you, O house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: Do not learn the way of the nations, or be dismayed at the signs of the heavens; for the nations are dismayed at them. For the customs of the peoples are false: a tree from the forest is cut down, and worked with an axe by the hands of an artisan; people deck it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so that it cannot move. Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field, and they cannot speak; they have to be carried, for they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, nor is it in them to do good. There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might. Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For that is your due; among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is no one like you. They are both stupid and foolish; the instruction given by idols is no better than wood! Beaten silver is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz. They are the work of the artisan and of the hands of the goldsmith; their clothing is blue and purple; they are all the product of skilled workers. But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation. Thus shall you say to them: The gods who did not make the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens. It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens. When he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he makes the mist rise from the ends of the earth. He makes lightnings for the rain, and he brings out the wind from his storehouses.

Everyone is stupid and without knowledge; goldsmiths are all put to shame by their idols; for their images are false, and there is no breath in them. They are worthless, a work of delusion; at the time of their punishment they shall perish. Not like these is the Lord, the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the Lord of hosts is his name.

Canticle A Song of Christ the Servant Goss

- 1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example,
that you should follow in his steps.
Refrain
- 2 He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips,
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.
Refrain
- 3 When he suffered, he did not threaten,
but he trusted in God who judges justly.
Refrain
- 4 Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
- 5 By his wounds, you have been healed,
for you were straying like sheep,
but have now returned
to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.
Refrain

1 Peter 2. 21-25

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 John 7. 14-24

About the middle of the festival Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. The Jews were astonished at it, saying, 'How does this man have such learning, when he has never been taught?' Then Jesus answered them, 'My teaching is not mine but his who sent me.

Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own. Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him.

‘Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you looking for an opportunity to kill me?’ The crowd answered, ‘You have a demon! Who is trying to kill you?’ Jesus answered them, ‘I performed one work, and all of you are astonished. Moses gave you circumcision (it is, of course, not from Moses, but from the patriarchs), and you circumcise a man on the sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the sabbath in order that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I healed a man’s whole body on the sabbath? Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgement.’

Gospel Canticle Benedictus *Plainsong*

- 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.

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- 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 Plainsong

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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 Ubi caritas *Ola Gjeilo*

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

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

Anon Latin

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