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Morning Song

Choral Worship to Start the Day

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Introit Bogoroditse Devo *Rachmaninoff*

*Rejoice, virgin mother of God,
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
for you have borne the Savior of our souls.*

Translation by Barry Johnston

Welcome

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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.

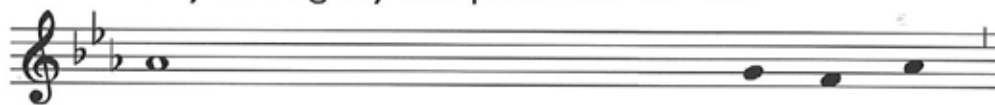
Prayer of Thanksgiving



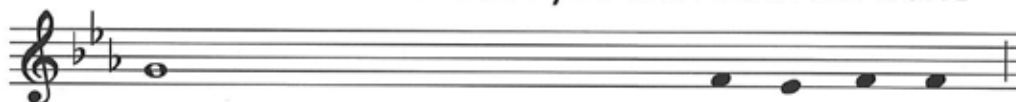
Blessèd are you, Lord our God, creator and redeem-er of all;



to you be glory and praise for ev - er.



From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world



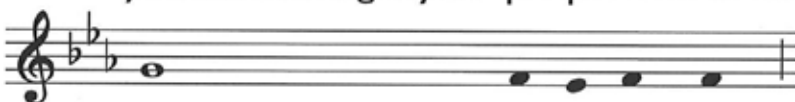
and in your great love fashioned us in your im-age.



Now, through the deep wa - ters of death,



you have brought your people to new birth



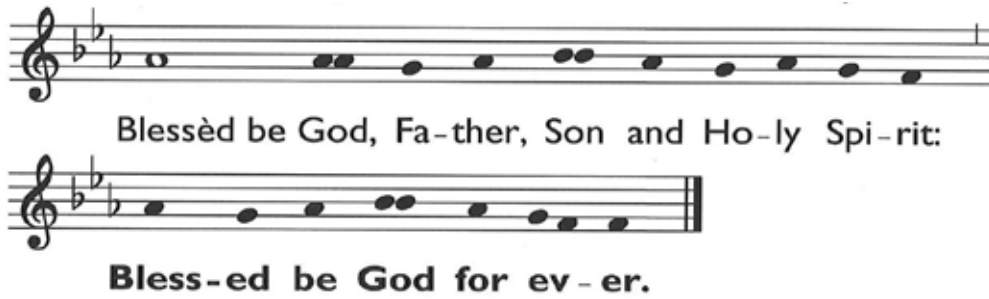
by raising your Son to life in tri-umph.



May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts



as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.



Psalmody Psalm 31.1-5

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.
- 4 Take me out of the net
that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

Old Testament Reading Hosea 13. 1-14

Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back. Divide your means seven ways, or even eight, for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth. When clouds are full, they empty rain on the earth; whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. Whoever observes the wind will not sow; and whoever regards the clouds will not reap. Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes everything. In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good. Light is sweet, and it is

pleasant for the eyes to see the sun. Even those who live for many years should rejoice in them all; yet let them remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

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 John 20. 11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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.

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, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing

Anthem Morganlied *Rheinberger*

Die Sterne sind erblichen
mit ihrem güldnen Schein,
bald ist die Nacht entwichen,
der Morgan dringt herein.

*The stars have faded
with their golden glow,
soon will the night be past,
the morning will arrive.*

Noch waltet tiefes Schweigen
im Tal und über all.
Auf frischbetauten Zweigen
singt nur die Nachtigall.

*Now deep silence reigns
in the valley and over all.
On freshly-bedewed branches
sings only the nightingale.*

Sie singet Lob und Ehre
dem hohen Herrn die Welt,
der über'm Land und Meere
die hand des Segens hält.

*She sings praise and glory
to the exalted Lord of the world
who over land and sea
holds the hand of blessing.*

Er hat die Nacth vertrieben,
ihr kindlein fürchtet nichts;
stets kommt zu seinen Lieben

der Vater alles Lichts.

*He has banished the night
fear nothing, you children;
always comes to those whom he
loves
the Father of all lights.*

August Heinrich Hoffman von Fallersleben

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