

Morning Song

Choral Worship to Start the Day

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Introit O God, the King of glory Purcell

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesu Christ with great triumph into heav'n: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place where our Saviour Christ is gone before us. Amen.

Anonymous – liturgical

Welcome

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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 be God, Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Spi-rit:



Bless-ed be God for ev-er.

Psalmody Psalm 16 Monk

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord, all my good depends on you.'
- All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble in heart.
- Though the idols are legion that many run after, their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
- The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; in your hands alone is my fortune.
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
- I have set the Lord always before me; he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
- Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 10 You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 2. 27-35

A man of God came to Eli and said to him, 'Thus the Lord has said, "I revealed myself to the family of your ancestor in Egypt when they were slaves to the house of Pharaoh. I chose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to offer incense, to wear an ephod before me; and I gave to the family of your ancestor all my offerings by fire from the people of Israel. Why then look with greedy eye at my sacrifices and my offerings that I commanded, and honour your sons more than me by fattening yourselves on the choicest parts of every offering of my people Israel?" Therefore the Lord the God of Israel declares: "I promised that your family and the family of your ancestor should go in and out before me for ever"; but now the Lord declares: "Far be it from me; for those who honour me I will honour, and those who despise me shall be treated with contempt. See, a time is coming when I will cut off your strength and the strength of your ancestor's family, so that no one in your family will live to old age. Then in distress you will look with greedy eye on all the prosperity that shall be bestowed upon Israel; and no one in your family shall ever live to old age. The only one of you whom I shall not cut off from my altar shall be spared to weep out his eyes and grieve his heart; all the members of your household shall die by the sword. The fate of your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, shall be the sign to you both of them shall die on the same day. I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall go in and out before my anointed one for ever.

Canticle Te Deum Laudamus Warren

- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord;
- 2 all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.
- To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
- 4 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
- 5 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
- The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

- 7 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
 Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
- 8 Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
- 9 You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.
- When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
- 11 You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
- You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
 We believe that you will come and be our judge.
- 13 Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,
- 14 and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

New Testament Reading Acts 2. 37-47

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by

day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel Canticle Benedictus 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Wilson

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, who in the place of the traitor Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve: preserve your Church from false apostles and, by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers, keep us steadfast in your truth; 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 Ascendens Christus Handl

Ascendens Christus in altum, captivam duxit captivitatem: dedit dona hominibus. Alleluia.

Christ, ascending on high, led captivity captive: He gave gifts to men. Alleluia.

Ephesians 4: v. 8

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