



Friday 19 March 2021

Morning Song

Choral Worship to Start the Day

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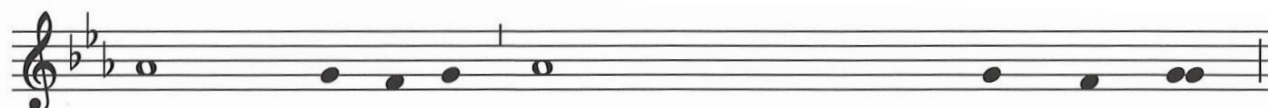
Introit Holy is the True Light *Harris*

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!

from the Salisbury Diurnal by GH Palmer

Welcome

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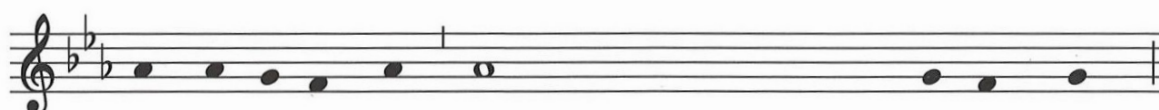
O Lord, o-pen our lips **and our mouth shall pro-claim your praise.**



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.

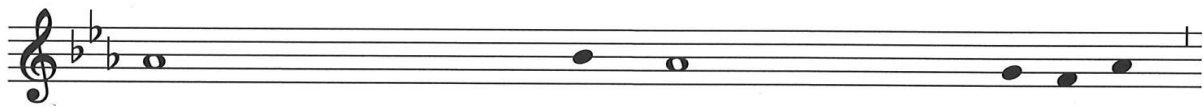
The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

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.

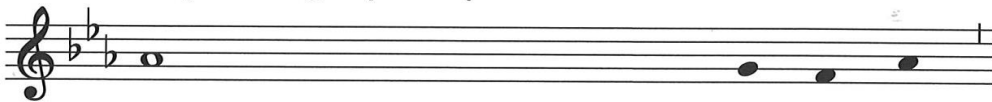
Prayer of Thanksgiving



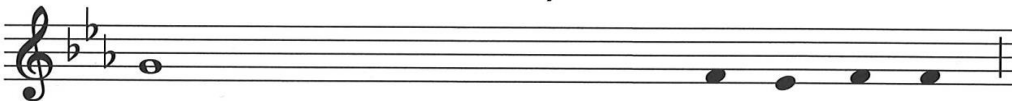
Blessèd are you, Lord our God, creator and redeem-er of all;



to you be glory and praise for ev - er.



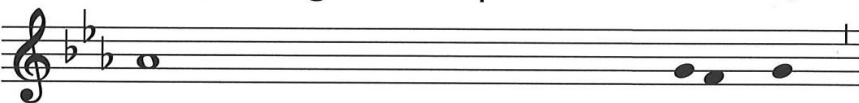
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world



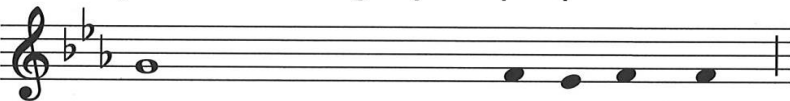
and in your great love fashioned us in your im-age.



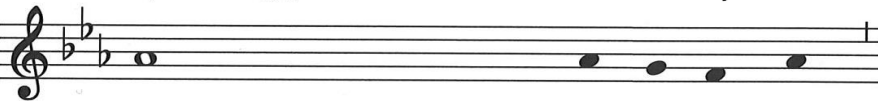
Now, through the deep wa - ters of death,



you have brought your people to new birth



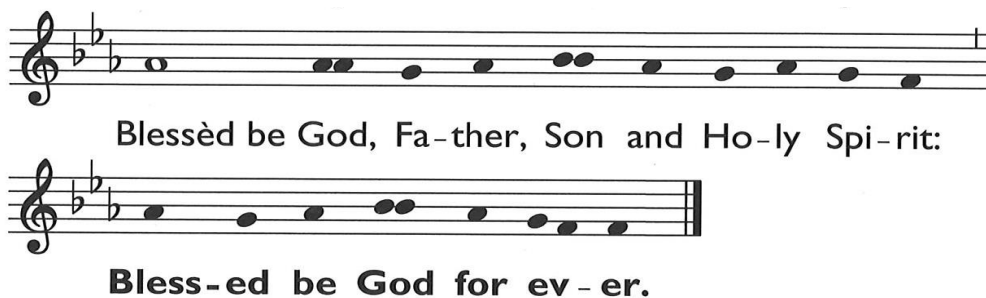
by raising your Son to life in tri-umph.



May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts



as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.



Psalmody Psalm 147. 1-16

- 1 Praise the Lord. How good it is to make music for our God,
how joyful to honour him with praise.
- 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up all their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his wisdom is beyond all telling.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the poor,
but casts down the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the lyre;
- 8 Who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 Who makes grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve our needs.
- 10 He gives the beasts their food
and the young ravens when they cry.

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- 11 He takes no pleasure in the power of a horse,
no delight in human strength;
- 12 But the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their trust in his steadfast love.
- 13 Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blest your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace in your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends forth his command to the earth
and his word runs very swiftly.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11. 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Canticle A Song of Christ the Servant Goss

- 1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example,
that you should follow in his steps.
- 2 He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips,
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.
- 3 When he suffered, he did not threaten,
but he trusted in God who judges justly.
- 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.

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 Matthew 13. 54-58

He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?' And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.' And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

Gospel Canticle Benedictus Lawes

- 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

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Prayers

The response to the prayers is:

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

Lord's Prayer *N Zabolotski, arr. John Bell*

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

God our Father, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph the carpenter to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary: give us grace to follow him in faithful obedience to your commands; 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 *Qui timet Deum Lassus*

Qui timet Deum, faciet bona, et qui continens est justitiae,
apprehendet illam
et obviabit illi quasi mater honorificata.

*He that feareth God, will do good: and he that possesseth justice,
shall lay hold on her,
And she will meet him as an honourable mother.*

Liber Jesu filii Sirach, 15, 1-2a

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