



Friday 23 April 2021

# Morning Song

Choral Worship to Start the Day

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## Introit This joyful Eastertide *arr. Charles Wood*

This joyful Eastertide,  
away with sin and sorrow.  
My Love, the Crucified,  
has sprung to life this morrow:  
*Had Christ, that once was slain,  
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now hath Christ arisen,  
Arisen, arisen, arisen!*

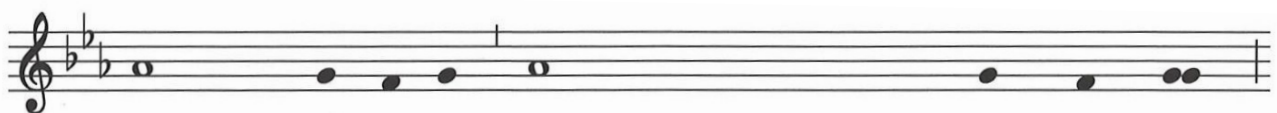
My flesh in hope shall rest,  
and for a season slumber:  
till trump from east to west:  
shall wake the dead in number:  
*Chorus*

Death's flood hath lost its chill,  
since Jesus crossed the river:  
lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver:  
*Chorus*

*George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)*

## Welcome

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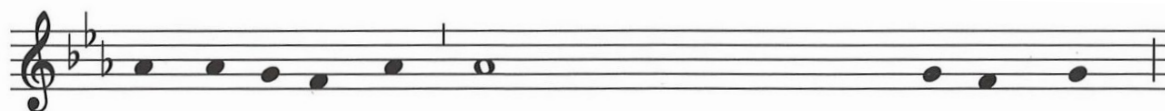
O Lord, o-pen our lips **and our mouth shall pro-claim your praise.**



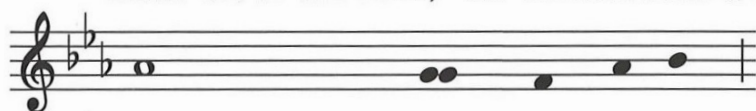
Give us the joy of your sa-ving help



**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.**

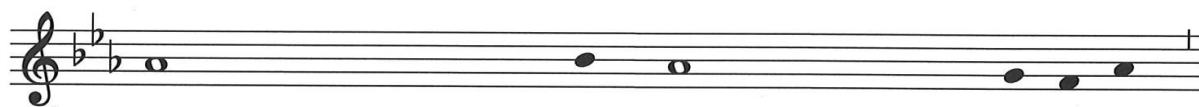
The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

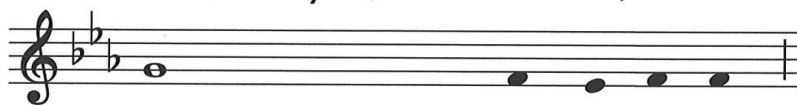
As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

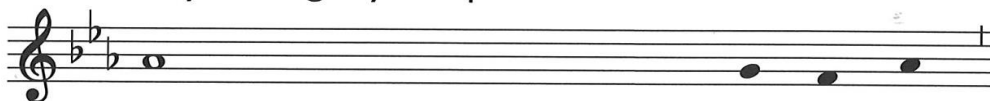
## Prayer of Thanksgiving



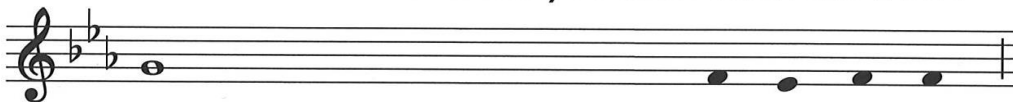
Blessèd are you, Lord our God, creator and redeem-er of all;



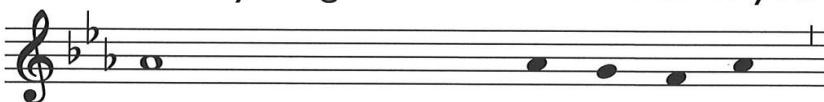
to you be glory and praise for ev - er.



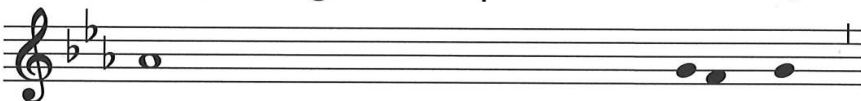
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world



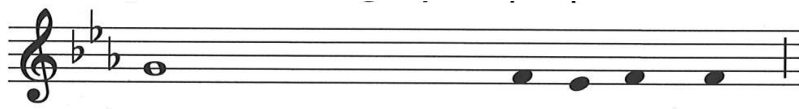
and in your great love fashioned us in your im-age.



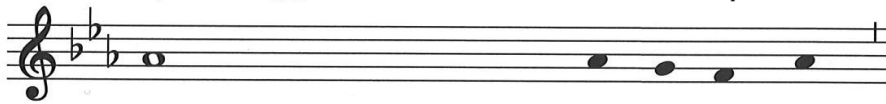
Now, through the deep wa - ters of death,



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.



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



**Bless-ed be God for ev - er.**

## Psalmody Psalm 146

- 1 Alleluia.  
Praise the Lord, O my soul:  
while I live will I praise the Lord;  
as long as I have any being,  
I will sing praises to my God.
- 2 Put not your trust in princes,  
nor in any human power,  
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth;  
on that day all their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth,  
the sea and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong  
and bread to those who hunger.

*continued...*

- 7 The Lord looses those that are bound;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
- 8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous;
- 9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;  
he upholds the orphan and widow;  
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
- 10 The Lord shall reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Alleluia.

## Old Testament Reading Joshua 1. 1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

## Canticle    A song for David    *Plainsong*

- 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    Ephesians 6. 10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of

the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

### 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.
- 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 *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 of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant George that he bore witness to the risen Lord by his life and by his death: give us the same faith and power of love that we who rejoice in his triumphs may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection; 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 forever.

*All* **Amen.**



## Notices

## Blessing

Anthem    Haec dies    *Byrd*

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus;  
exsultemus, et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.

*This is the day which the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice, and be glad on it. Alleluia.*

*Psalm 117 (118):24*

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