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# Morning Song

Choral Worship to Start the Day

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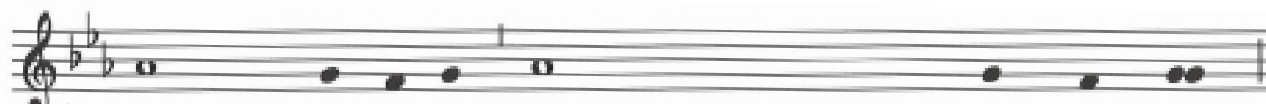
## Introit    Rise up, my love, my fair one    *Healey Willan*

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;  
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;  
the flowers appear upon the earth;  
the time of the singing birds is come;  
arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

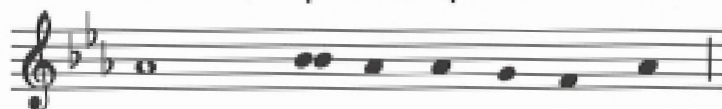
*Song of the Solomon*

## Welcome

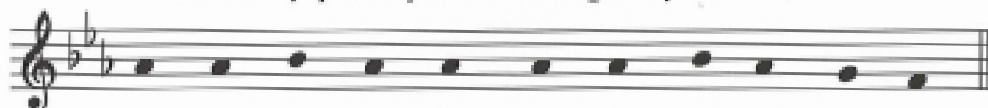
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O Lord, o-pen our lips    and our mouth shall pro-claim your praise.



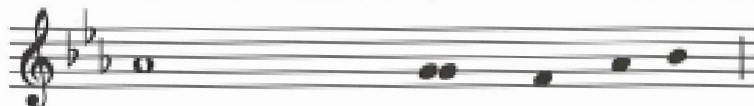
Give us the joy of your sa-ving help



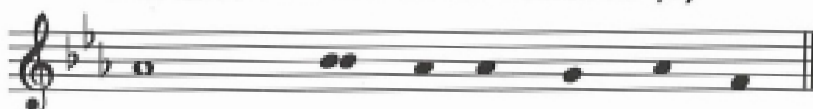
and sus-tain us with your life-giv-ing Spi-rit.



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.

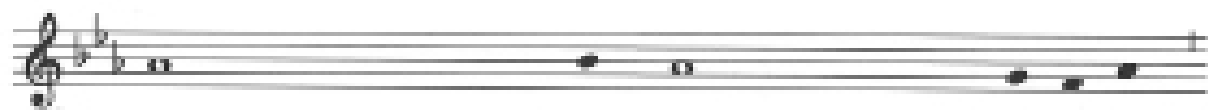
The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*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



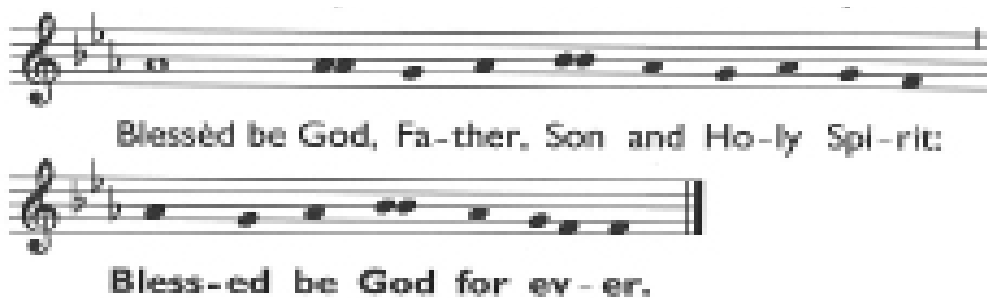
by raising your Son to life in tri-umph.



May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts



as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.



## Psalmody Psalm 22. 1-11

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,  
and are so far from my salvation, from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;  
and by night also, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forebears trusted in you;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 'He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'
- 9 But it is you that took me out of the womb  
and laid me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 On you was I cast ever since I was born;  
you are my God even from my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand  
and there is none to help.

## Old Testament Reading    Jeremiah 6.22-end

Thus says the Lord: See, a people is coming from the land of the north, a great nation is stirring from the farthest parts of the earth. They grasp the bow and the javelin, they are cruel and have no mercy, their sound is like the roaring sea; they ride on horses, equipped like a warrior for battle, against you, O daughter Zion! 'We have heard news of them, our hands fall helpless; anguish has taken hold of us, pain as of a woman in labour. Do not go out into the field, or walk on the road; for the enemy has a sword, terror is on every side.' O my poor people, put on sackcloth, and roll in ashes; make mourning as for an only child, most bitter lamentation: for suddenly the destroyer will come upon us. I have made you a tester and a refiner among my people so that you may know and test their ways. They are all stubbornly rebellious, going about with slanders; they are bronze and iron, all of them act corruptly. The bellows blow fiercely, the lead is consumed by the fire; in vain the refining goes on, for the wicked are not removed. They are called 'rejected silver', for the Lord has rejected them.

## 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.

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 6.16-27

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going. The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the lake saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'

## 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*

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, whose Son, Jesus Christ, fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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   A Child's Prayer   *James MacMillan*

Welcome, Jesu, deep in my soul forever stay.  
Joy and love my heart are filling on this glad communion day.

*Traditional*



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