



Friday 26 March 2021

Morning Song

Choral Worship to Start the Day

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Introit View me, Lord *Lloyd*

View me Lord, a work of thine:
Shall I then lie drow'nd in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.

Cleave me Lord that I may kneel
at thine altar put and white;
They that once why mercies feel
gaze no more on Earth's delight.

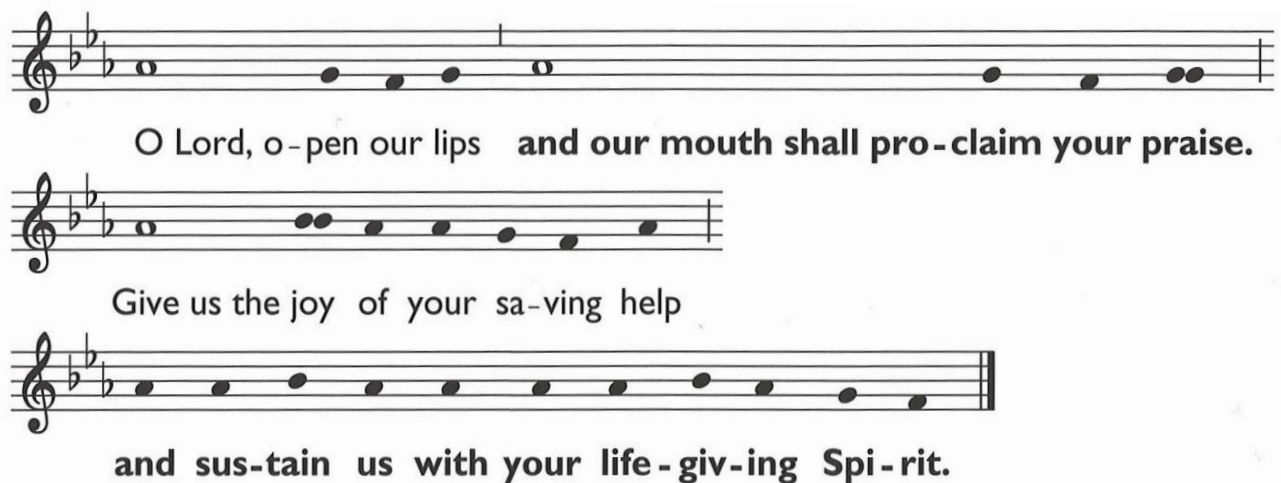
Worldly joys like shadows fade
when the heav'nly light appears,
but the cov'nants thou hast made
endless, know nor days, nor years.

In thy word Lord is my trust,
to thy mercies fast I fly,
though I am but clay and dust
yet thy grace can lift me high.

Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

Welcome

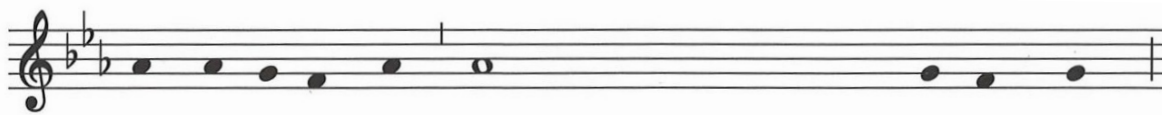
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O Lord, o-pen our lips **and our mouth shall pro-claim your praise.**

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.

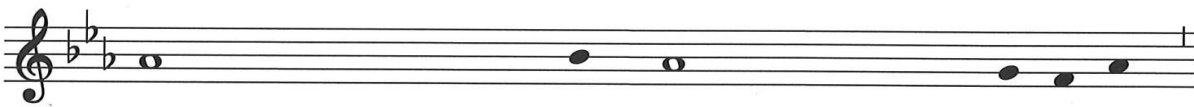
The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

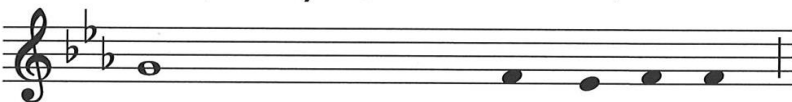
As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

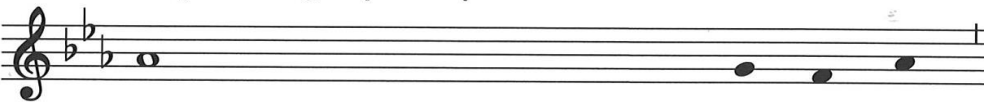
Prayer of Thanksgiving



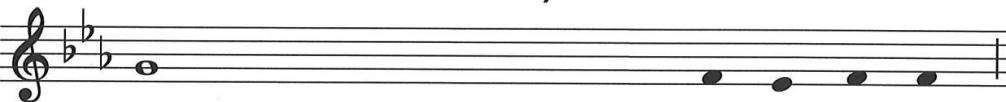
Blessèd are you, Lord our God, creator and redeem-er of all;



to you be glory and praise for ev - er.



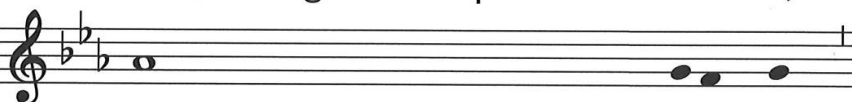
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world



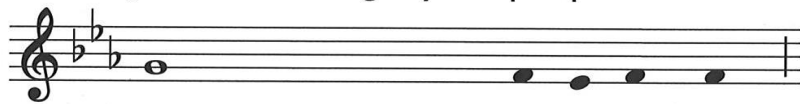
and in your great love fashioned us in your im-age.



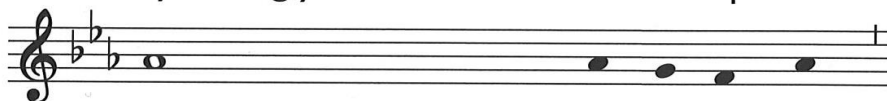
Now, through the deep wa - ters of death,



you have brought your people to new birth



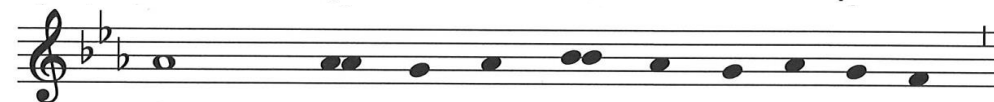
by raising your Son to life in tri-umph.



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 19

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 One day pours out its song to another
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.
- 3 They have neither speech nor language
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands
and their words to the ends of the world.
- 5 In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.
- 6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens
and runs to the very end again,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

continued...

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure/
and gives wisdom to the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb.
- 11 By them also is your servant taught
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often they offend
O cleanse me from my secret faults!
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me;
so shall I be undefiled,
and innocent of great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 24

The Lord showed me two baskets of figs placed before the temple of the Lord. This was after King Nebuchadrezzar of Babylon had taken into exile from Jerusalem King Jeconiah son of Jehoiakim of Judah, together with the officials of Judah, the artisans, and the smiths, and had brought them to Babylon. One basket had very good figs, like first-ripe figs, but the other basket had very bad figs, so bad that they could not be eaten. And the Lord said to me, 'What do you see,

Jeremiah?’ I said, ‘Figs, the good figs very good, and the bad figs very bad, so bad that they cannot be eaten.’ Then the word of the Lord came to me: Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so I will regard as good the exiles from Judah, whom I have sent away from this place to the land of the Chaldeans. I will set my eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them back to this land. I will build them up, and not tear them down; I will plant them, and not pluck them up. I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart. But thus says the Lord: Like the bad figs that are so bad they cannot be eaten, so will I treat King Zedekiah of Judah, his officials, the remnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and those who live in the land of Egypt. I will make them a horror, an evil thing, to all the kingdoms of the earth—a disgrace, a byword, a taunt, and a curse in all the places where I shall drive them. And I will send sword, famine, and pestilence upon them, until they are utterly destroyed from the land that I gave to them and their ancestors.

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 John 12. 20-36a

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, ‘We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?’ Jesus said to them, ‘The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.’ After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

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.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
continued...

- 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

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 O sacrum convivium *Viadana*

O sacrum convivium!
in quo Christus sumitur:
recolitur memoria passionis eius:
mens impletur gratia:
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.

O sacred banquet!
in which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory to us is given.
Alleluia.

Antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers of Corpus Christi

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