

Morning Prayer

5 April 2020

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Introductory Verse

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.**

Amen.

Usually at morning prayer two psalms and a canticle are recited. Only one has been included in this simplified service. If you are praying alone, please ignore the numbers (1 & 2) below. If two people or more, then divide into two groups with the groups alternating in saying the verses of the psalm.

Psalm 117 (118)

Song of rejoicing in salvation

Leader: The crowds of people, who had gathered for the feast day called out to the Lord, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.'

1: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love endures for ever.

2: Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love endures for ever.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love endures for ever.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love endures for ever.'

1: I called to the Lord in my distress;
he answered and freed me.
The Lord is at my side; I do not fear.
what can man do against me?
The Lord is at my side as my helper;
I shall look down on my foes.

2: It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

1: The nations all encompassed me;
in the Lord's name I crushed them.
They compassed me, compassed me about;
in the Lord's name I crushed them.
They compassed me about like bees;
they blazed like a fire among thorns.
In the Lord's name I crushed them.

2: I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;

he was my Saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

1: The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me.
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

2: Open to me the gates of holiness:
I will enter and give thanks.
This is the Lord's own gate
where the just may enter.
I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my Saviour.

1: The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

2: O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.

1: Go forward in procession with branches
even to the altar.
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love endures for ever.

2: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

1: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

All: The crowds of people, who had gathered for the feast day called out to the Lord, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.'

Reading

Zechariah 9:9

Reader:

Rejoice, rejoice, daughter of Zion, shout aloud, daughter of Jerusalem; for see, your king is coming to you, his cause won, his victory gained.

Period of Silence and Responsory

Reader: You have redeemed us, Lord, by your blood.

All: You have redeemed us, Lord, by your blood.

Reader: From every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

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All: You have redeemed us, Lord, by your blood.

PRAISE AND INTERCESSION

Canticle of Zechariah

Leader: With waving palm branches let us adore the Lord as he comes; let us go to meet him with hymns and songs, rejoicing and singing, 'Blessed be the Lord'.

1: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

2: He has raised up for us a mighty saviour
in the house of David his servant,
as he promised by the lips of holy men,
those who were his prophets from of old.

1: A saviour who would free us from our foes,
from the hands of all who hate us.

2: So his love for our fathers is fulfilled
and his holy covenant remembered.

1: He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,
that free from fear,
and saved from the hands of our foes,
we might serve him in holiness and justices
all the days of our life in his presence.

2: As for you, little child,
you shall be called a prophet of God,
the Most High.
you shall go ahead of the Lord
to prepare his ways before him,

1: To make known to his people their salvation
through forgiveness of all their sins,
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God
who visits us like the dawn from on high.

2: He will give light to those in darkness,
those who dwell in the shadow of death,
and guide us into the way of peace.

1: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

2: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen.

All: With waving palm branches let us adore the Lord as he comes; let us go to meet him with hymns and songs, rejoicing and singing, 'Blessed be the Lord'.

Intercessions

Leader: Let us adore Christ the Lord; When he entered Jerusalem, the crowds proclaimed him Messiah and king.

R. *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Reader:

Hosanna to you, the Son of David, the king of ages; hosanna to you in your triumph over death and hell.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

You went up to Jerusalem to endure the passion and enter into glory; lead your Church into the paschal feast of eternal life.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

You made your cross the tree of life; share your victory with all the baptised.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

You came to save sinners; bring into your kingdom all who believe, hope and love.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Lord's Prayer

As sons and daughters of a loving God, we pray in the confident words of his Son:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

Concluding Prayer

Leader: Almighty, ever-living God,
you gave our Saviour the command
to become man and undergo the cross
as an example of humility for all men to follow.
We have the lessons of his sufferings:
give us also the fellowship of his resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing and Dismissal

Leader: The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.