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# Morning Song

Choral Worship to Start the Day

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## Introit No small wonder *Paul Edwards*

- 1 Small wonder the star,  
small wonder the light,  
the angels in chorus,  
the shepherds in fright;  
but stable and manger for God -  
no small wonder!
- 2 Small wonder the kings,  
small wonder they bore  
the gold and the incense,  
the myrrh, to adore;  
but God gives his life on a cross -  
no small wonder!
- 3 Small wonder the love,  
small wonder the grace,  
the power, the glory,  
the light of his face;  
but all to redeem my poor heart -  
no small wonder!

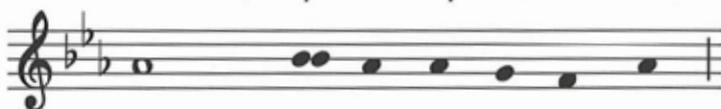
*Paul Wigmore (born 1925)*

## Welcome

## Preces



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



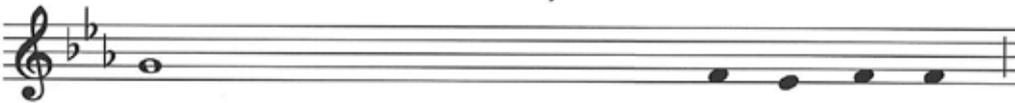
Blessèd are you, Lord our God, creator and redeem-er of all;



to you be glory and praise for ev - er.



From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world



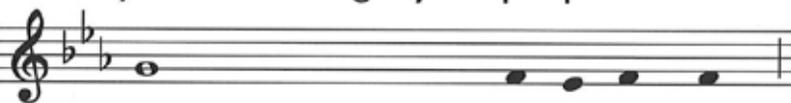
and in your great love fashioned us in your im-age.



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 147.13-21

- 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.
- 17 He gives snow like wool  
and scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He casts down his hailstones like morsels of bread;  
who can endure his frost?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them;  
he blows with his wind and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and judgements to Israel.
- 21 He has not dealt so with any other nation;  
they do not know his laws. Alleluia.

## Old Testament Reading Isaiah 64

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people. Your holy cities have become a wilderness, Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and beautiful house, where our ancestors praised you, has been burned by fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins. After all this, will you restrain yourself, O Lord? Will you keep silent, and punish us so severely?

## Canticle A Song of the New Jerusalem

- 1 Arise, shine out, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.
- 2 Though night still covers the earth,  
and darkness the peoples;
- 3 Above you the Holy One arises,  
and above you God's glory appears.
- 4 The nations will come to your light,  
and kings to your dawning brightness.
- 5 Your gates will lie open continually,  
shut neither by day nor by night.

- 6 The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land,  
or ruin and devastation within your borders.
- 7 You will call your walls, Salvation,  
and your gates, Praise.
- 8 No more will the sun give you daylight,  
nor moonlight shine upon you;
- 9 But the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
your God will be your splendour.
- 10 For you shall be called the city of God,  
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

*Isaiah 60.1–3,11a,18,19,14b*

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 1 John 4. 7-end

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God',

and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel Canticle    Benedictus    *John 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,
- 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 *John Harper*

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

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 Die Könige *Cornelius*

Drei Könige wandern aus Morgenland;  
Ein Sternlein führt sie zum Jordanstrand.  
In Juda fragen und forschen die drei,  
Wo der neugeborene König sei?  
Sie wollen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold  
Dem Kinde spenden zum Opfersold.

Und hell erglänzet des Sternes Schein:  
Zum Stalle gehen die Kön'ge ein;  
Das Knäblein schau'n sie wonniglich,  
Anbetend neigen die Könige sich;  
Sie bringen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold  
Zum Opfer dar dem Knäblein hold.

O Menschenkind! halte treulich Schritt!  
Die Kön'ge wandern, o wandre mit!  
Der Stern der Liebe, der Gnade Stern  
Erhelle dein Ziel, so du suchst den Herrn,  
Und fehlten Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold,  
Schenke dein Herz dem Knäblein hold!

*Three kings from Persian lands afar  
To Jordan follow the pointing star:  
And this the quest of the travellers three,  
Where the newborn King of the Jews may be.  
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*The star shines out with a steadfast ray;  
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
And there in worship they bend the knee,  
As Mary's child in her lap they see;  
Their royal gifts they show to the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem  
The kings are travelling, travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;  
Offer thy heart to the infant King.*

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