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Morning Song

Choral Worship to Start the Day

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Introit Purge me, O Lord *Tallis*

Purge me, O Lord, from all my sin,
and save thou me by faith from ill,
that I may rest and dwell with thee,
upon thy holy blessed hill.

And that done, grant that with true heart
I may without hypocrisy
affirm the truth, detract no man,
but do all things with equity.

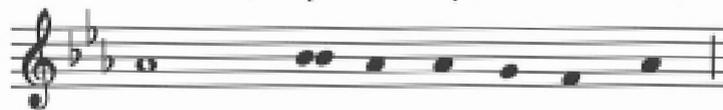
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O Lord, o-pen our lips and our mouth shall pro-claim your praise.



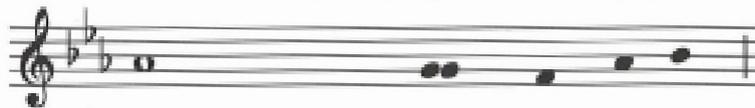
Give us the joy of your sa-ving help



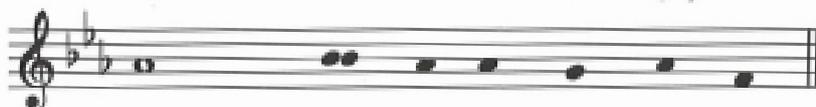
and sus-tain us with your life-giv-ing Spi-rit.



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.

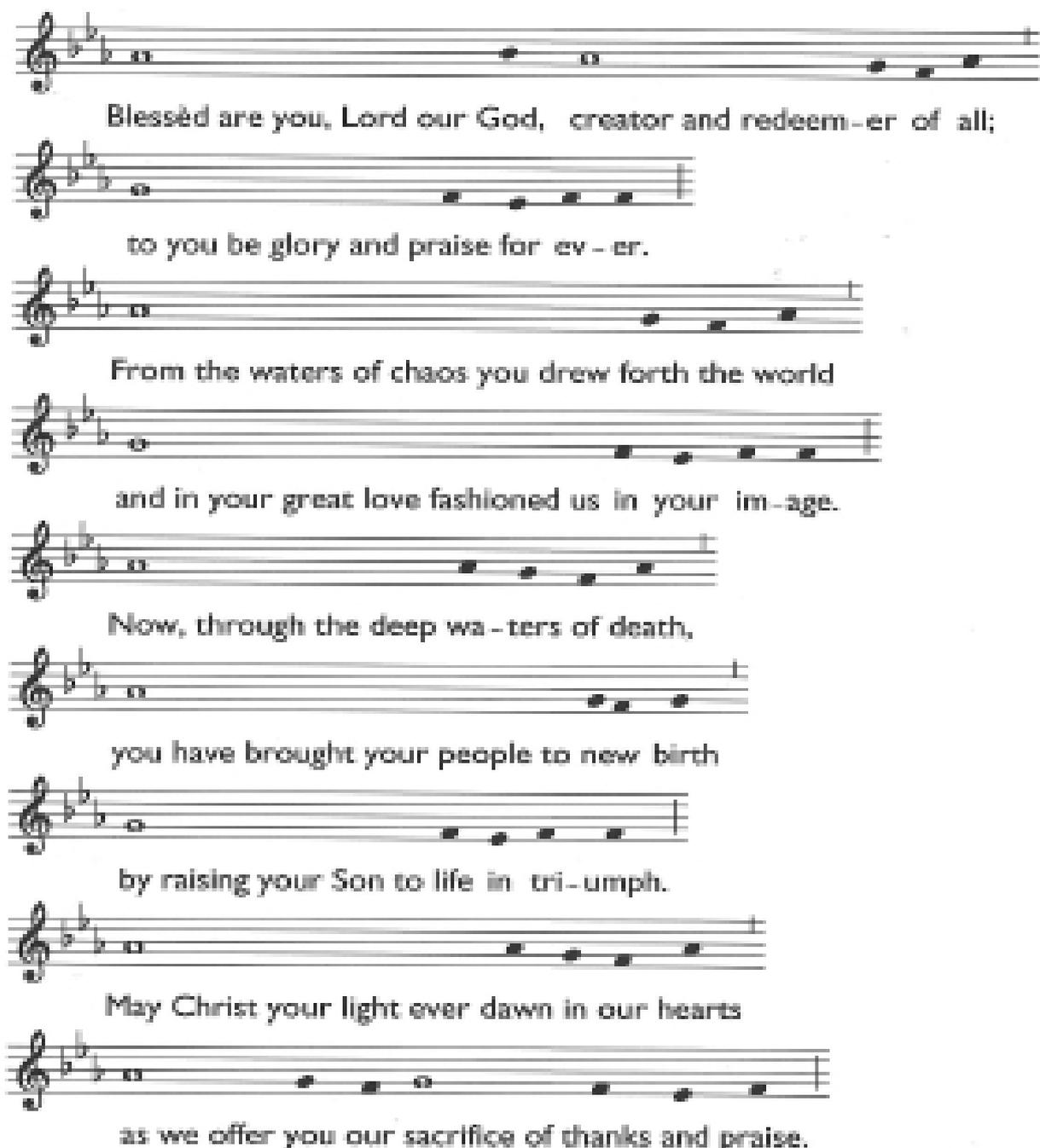
The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

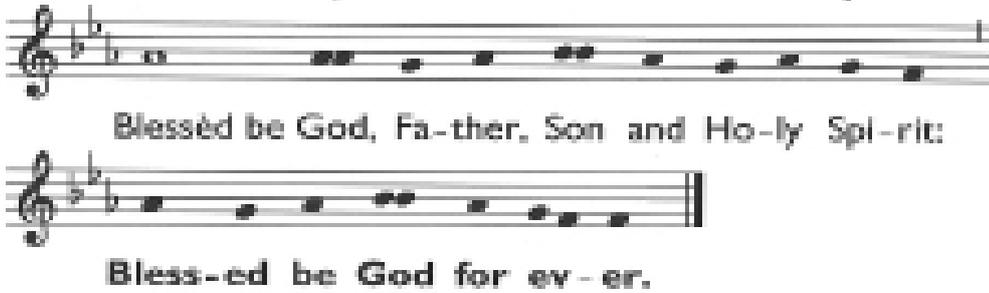
As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

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 51.1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.
- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds.

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- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.
- 13 Give me again the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your gracious spirit.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 3.6-22

The Lord said to me in the days of King Josiah: Have you seen what she did, that faithless one, Israel, how she went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and played the whore there? And I thought, 'After she has done all this she will return to me'; but she did not return, and her false sister Judah saw it. She saw that for all the adulteries of that faithless one, Israel, I had sent her away with a decree of divorce; yet her false sister Judah did not fear, but she too went and played the whore. Because she took her whoredom so lightly, she polluted the land, committing adultery with stone and tree. Yet for all this her false sister Judah did not return to me with her whole heart, but only in pretence, says the Lord. Then the Lord said to me: Faithless Israel has shown herself less guilty than false Judah. Go, and proclaim these words towards the north, and say: Return, faithless Israel, says the Lord. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful, says the Lord; I will not be angry for ever. Only acknowledge your guilt, that you have rebelled against the Lord your God, and scattered your favours among strangers under every green tree, and have not obeyed my voice, says the Lord. Return, O faithless children, says the Lord, for I am your master; I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. And when you have multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, says the Lord, they shall no longer say, 'The ark of the covenant of the Lord.' It shall not come to mind, or be remembered, or missed; nor shall another one be made. At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the Lord, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the Lord in Jerusalem, and they shall no longer stubbornly follow their own evil will. In those days the house of Judah shall join the house of Israel, and together they shall come from the land of the north to the land that I gave your ancestors for a heritage. I thought

how I would set you among my children, and give you a pleasant land, the most beautiful heritage of all the nations. And I thought you would call me, My Father, and would not turn from following me. Instead, as a faithless wife leaves her husband, so you have been faithless to me, O house of Israel, says the Lord. A voice on the bare heights is heard, the plaintive weeping of Israel's children, because they have perverted their way, they have forgotten the Lord their God: Return, O faithless children, I will heal your faithlessness. 'Here we come to you; for you are the Lord our God.

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 4.27-42

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But

he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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,

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- 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 and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 *Adoramus te, Christe* *Orlande de Lassus*

*Adoramus te, Christe
et benedicimus tibi.
Quia per sanctam crucem
redemisti mundum.
Domine, miserere nobis.*

*We adore thee, O Christ,
and we bless thee,
because by thy holy cross
thou hast redeemed the world.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Antiphon at Feasts of the Holy Cross.

Translation: John Rutter (b.1945)

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