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Morning Song

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Introit O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace Tye

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,
eternal source of love,
in flame, we pray, our inmost hearts
with fire from heavn' above.

As thou dost join with holiest bonds
the Father and the Son,
so fill us all with mutual love
and knit our hearts in one.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) trans. John Chandler

Welcome

Preces Plainsong *sung by the Choral Scholars*

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.

The musical notation is a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the melody for "O Lord, o - pen our lips and our mouth shall pro - claim your praise." The second staff contains the melody for "Give us the joy of your sa - ving help". The third staff contains the melody for "and sus - tain us with your life - giv - ing Spi - rit." The notation is simple, using only quarter and half notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.



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.**

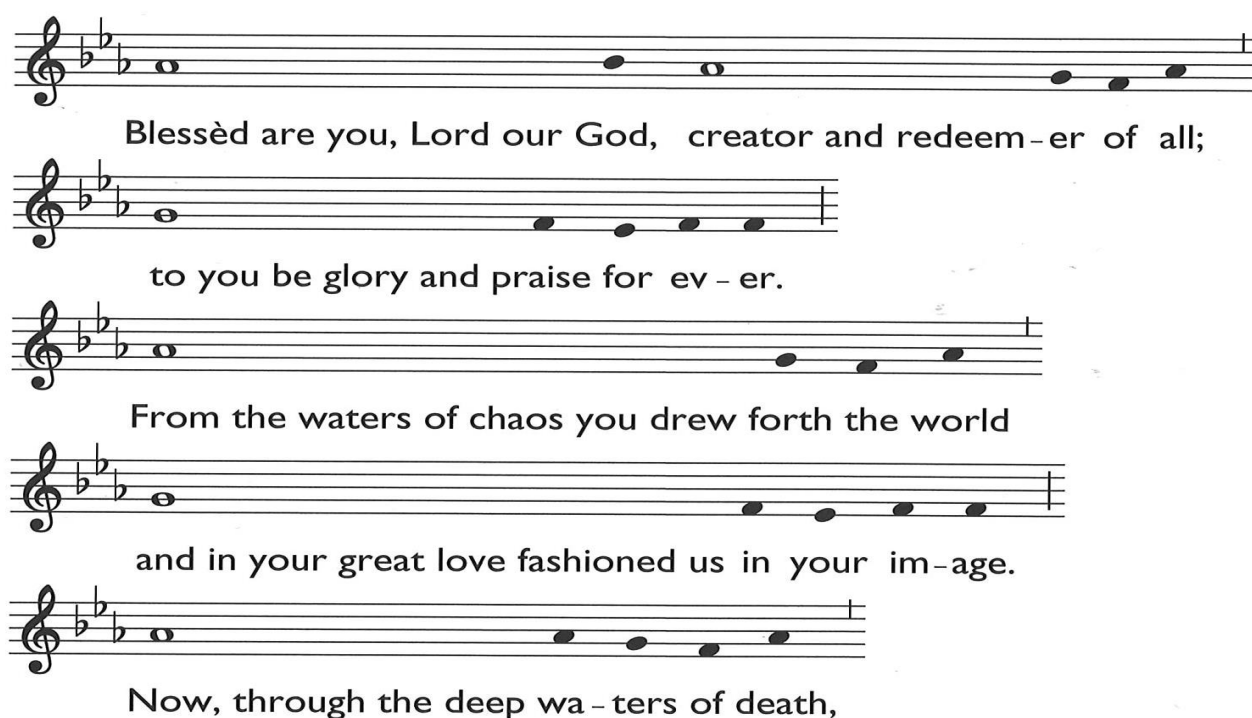
The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

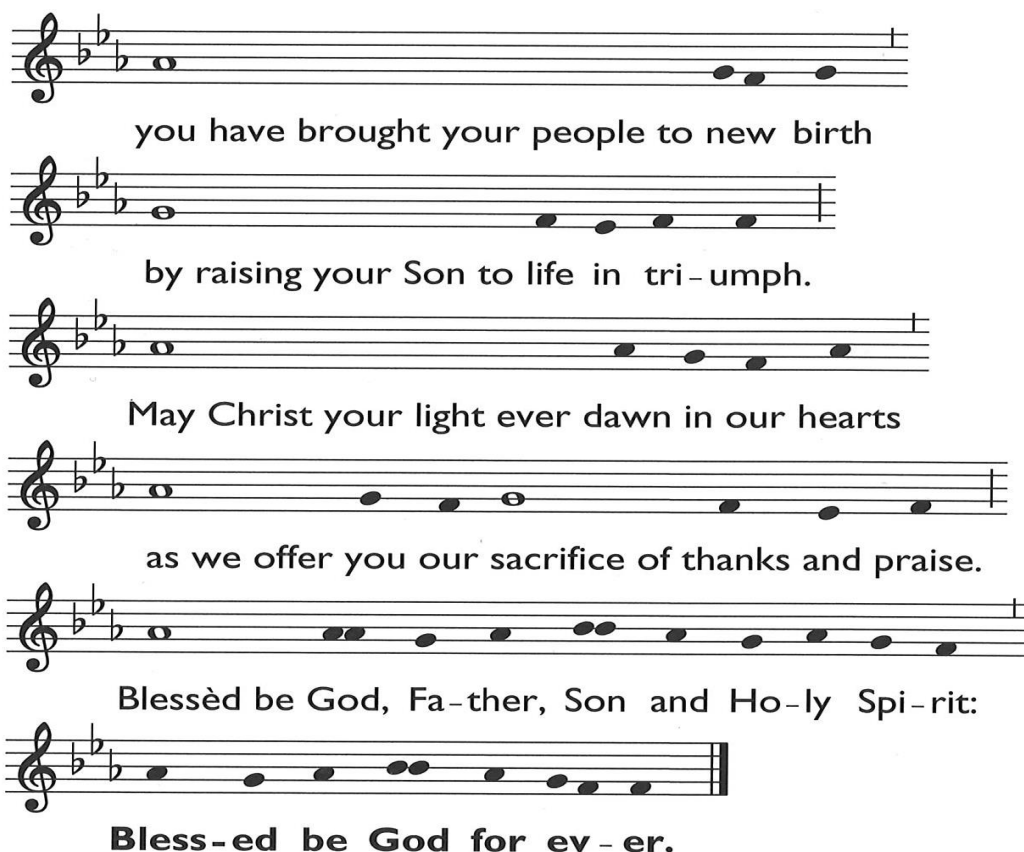
As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving Plainsong *sung by the Choral Scholars*



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 55. 1-8

- 1 Hear my prayer, O God;
hide not yourself from my petition.
- 2 Give heed to me and answer me;
I am restless in my complaining.
- 3 I am alarmed at the voice of the enemy
and at the clamour of the wicked;
- 4 For they would bring down evil upon me
and are set against me in fury.
- 5 My heart is disquieted within me,
and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- 6 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,
and a horrible dread has overwhelmed me.
- 7 And I said: 'O that I had wings like a dove,
for then would I fly away and be at rest.

continued...

- 8 'Then would I flee far away
and make my lodging in the wilderness.

Old Testament Reading 2 Chronicles 14. 2-end

Asa did what was good and right in the sight of the Lord his God. He took away the foreign altars and the high places, broke down the pillars, hewed down the sacred poles, and commanded Judah to seek the Lord, the God of their ancestors, and to keep the law and the commandment. He also removed from all the cities of Judah the high places and the incense altars. And the kingdom had rest under him. He built fortified cities in Judah while the land had rest. He had no war in those years, for the Lord gave him peace. He said to Judah, 'Let us build these cities, and surround them with walls and towers, gates and bars; the land is still ours because we have sought the Lord our God; we have sought him, and he has given us peace on every side.' So they built and prospered. Asa had an army of three hundred thousand from Judah, armed with large shields and spears, and two hundred and eighty thousand troops from Benjamin who carried shields and drew bows; all these were mighty warriors. Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and three hundred chariots, and came as far as Mareshah. Asa went out to meet him, and they drew up their lines of battle in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. Asa cried to the Lord his God, 'O Lord, there is no difference for you between helping the mighty and the weak. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. O Lord, you are our God; let no mortal prevail against you.' So the Lord defeated the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled. Asa and the army with him pursued them as far as Gerar, and the Ethiopians fell until no one remained alive; for they were broken before the Lord and his army. The people of Judah carried away a great quantity of booty. They defeated all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of the Lord was on them. They plundered all the cities; for there was much plunder in them. They also attacked the tents of those who had livestock, and carried away sheep and goats in abundance, and camels. Then they returned to Jerusalem.

Canticle A Song of the Lamb *Tambling*

- 1 Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
 whose judgements are true and just.
- 2 Praise our God, all you his servants,
 all who fear him, both small and great.
- 3 The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns:
 let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.
- 4 For the marriage of the Lamb has come
 and his bride has made herself ready.
- 5 Blessed are those who are invited
 to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

Revelation 19.1b,2a,5b,6b,7,9b

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.

New Testament Reading Mark 14. 53-65

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, 'We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."' But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' Jesus said, 'I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power", and "coming with the clouds of heaven."' Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard

his blasphemy! What is your decision?' All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, 'Prophecy!' The guards also took him over and beat him.

Gospel Canticle Benedictus *Plainsong*

- 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.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you 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.**

Lord's Prayer

All **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.**

Notices

Blessing

Anthem This day *Chilcott*

This day will you strength us.
This day will you bless us.
This day will you lift us,
visit us for good.
This day inscribe us for a happy, happy life.
This day hear our cry.
This day accept our prayer in mercy and favour.
This day support us with your righteous hand.
This day accept our prayer in mercy and favour.
Amen.

Jewish text, adapted by Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

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