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# Morning Song

Choral Worship to Start the Day

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# Welcome

## Introit Heaven-haven *Barber*

I have desired to go  
Where spring not fail,  
To fields where flies no sharp sided hail,  
And a few lilies blow.  
And I have asked to be  
Where no storms come,  
Where the green swell is in the havens dumb,  
And out of the swing of the sea.

*Words: Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)*

## Preces *John Harper*



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.**

Psalmody Psalm 32

Old Testament Reading Daniel 7.1-14

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then, as I watched, its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a human being; and a human mind was given to it. Another beast appeared, a second one, that looked like a bear. It was raised up on one side, had three tusks in its mouth among its teeth and was told, 'Arise, devour many bodies!' After this, as I watched, another appeared, like a leopard. The beast had four wings of a bird on its back and four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the visions by night a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth and was devouring, breaking in pieces, and stamping what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that preceded it, and it had ten horns. I was considering the horns, when another horn appeared, a little one coming up among them; to make room for it, three of the earlier horns were plucked up by the roots. There were eyes like human eyes in this horn, and a mouth speaking arrogantly.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.

As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Canticle    A Song of David    *John Harper*

New Testament Reading    Revelation 9.1-12

And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit; he opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given authority like the authority of scorpions of the earth. They were told not to damage the grass of the earth or any green growth or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. They were allowed to torture them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torture was like the torture of a scorpion when it stings someone. And in those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will flee from them.

In appearance the locusts were like horses equipped for battle. On their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; they had scales like iron breastplates, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. They have tails like scorpions, with stings, and in their tails is their power to harm people for five months. They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

The first woe has passed. There are still two woes to come.

Gospel Canticle    Benedictus (Song of Zechariah)    *John Harper*

## Prayers

*The response to the prayers is:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **hear our prayer.**

## Collect for the Day

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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 *John Harper*

## Notices

## Blessing

Anthem A Prayer of King Henry VI *Gabriel Jackson*

Domnie Jesu Christe,  
qui me creasti,  
redemisti, et praeordinasti  
ad hoc quod sum,  
tu scis quid de me facere vis;  
fac de me secundum  
voluntatem tuam,  
cum misericordia.  
Amen.

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
who created,  
redeemed, and preordained  
me to be this that I am,  
you know what you wish to do with me;  
do with me in accordance  
with your will,  
with mercy.  
Amen.*

*Words: King Henry VI (1421-71)*

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