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# Morning Song

Choral Worship to Start the Day

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# Welcome

## Preces *John Harper*



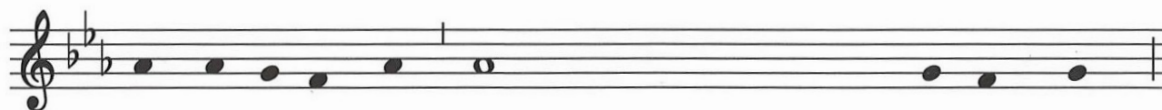
O Lord, o - pen our lips **and our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.**



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.*

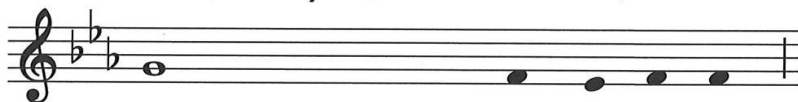
As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

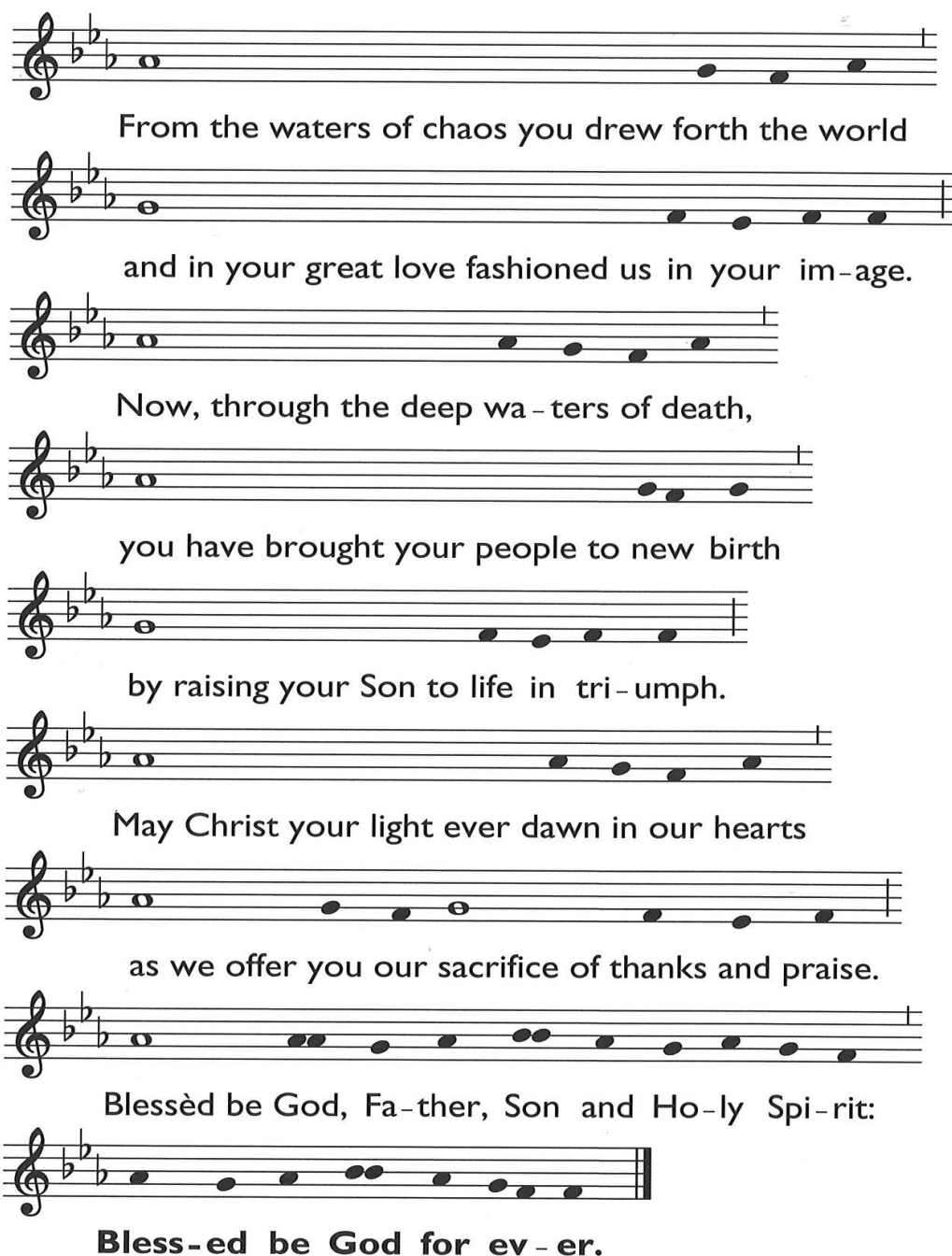
## Prayer of Thanksgiving



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 142

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 19.20-36

Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; he reigned for eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, just as Jehoiakim had done. Indeed, Jerusalem and Judah so angered the Lord that he expelled them from his presence. Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem, and laid siege to it; they built siege-works against it all round. So the

city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine became so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. Then a breach was made in the city wall; the king with all the soldiers fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all round the city. They went in the direction of the Arabah. But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; all his army was scattered, deserting him. Then they captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, who passed sentence on him. They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then put out the eyes of Zedekiah; they bound him in fetters and took him to Babylon. In the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month—which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon—Nebuzaradan, the captain of the bodyguard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. He burned the house of the Lord, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down. All the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem. Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had defected to the king of Babylon—all the rest of the population. But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest people of the land to be vine-dressers and tillers of the soil.

Canticle    Venite    *Harper*

New Testament Reading    1 Timothy 5.1-16

Do not speak harshly to an older man, but speak to him as to a father, to younger men as brothers, to older women as mothers, to younger women as sisters—with absolute purity.

Honour widows who are really widows. If a widow has children or grandchildren, they should first learn their religious duty to their own family and make some repayment to their parents; for this is pleasing in God's sight. The real widow, left alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day; but the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. Give these commands as well, so that they may be above reproach. And whoever does not provide for relatives, and especially for family members, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Let a widow be put on the list if she is not less than sixty years old and has been married only once; she must be well attested for her good works, as one who has brought up children, shown hospitality, washed the saints' feet, helped the afflicted, and devoted herself to doing good in every way. But refuse to put younger widows on the list; for when their sensual desires alienate them from Christ, they want to marry, and so they incur condemnation for having violated their first pledge. Besides that, they learn to be idle, gadding about from house to house; and they are not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not say. So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, and manage their households, so as to give the adversary no occasion to revile us. For some have already turned away to follow Satan. If any believing woman has relatives who are really widows, let her assist them; let the church not be burdened, so that it can assist those who are real widows.

Gospel Canticle    Benedictus    *Harper*

Prayers

*The response to the prayers is:*

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

Collect for the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Bell*

Notices

Blessing

Anthem    Morgenlied    *Rheinberger*

Die Sterne sind erblichen  
mit ihrem güldnen Schein,  
bald ist die Nacht entwichen  
der Morgen dringt herein.

Noch waltet tiefes Schweigen  
im Tal und überall.  
Auf frischbetauten Zweigen  
singt nur die Nachtigall.

Sie singet Lob und Ehre  
dem hohen Herrn der Welt,  
der über'm Land und Meere  
die Hand des Segens hält.

Er hat die Nacht vertrieben  
ihr Kindlein fürchtet nichts,  
stets kommt zu seinen Lieben  
der Vater alles Lichts.

*The stars in heaven are veiling,  
their golden radiance bright,  
The night is disappearing,  
speeds fast the morning light.*

*Deep silence still is brooding,  
o'er hill and shady vale,  
Amid dewy blossoms,  
singslow the nightingale.*

*She singeth praise and honour,  
to Him the sov'reign Lord,  
who sea and land upholdeth  
by His almighty word,*

*The darkness He hath banished,  
fear not the flying night;  
He comes to bless His children,  
the Father of all light.*

*August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben  
English: Ellis Gray*

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