

Morning Prayer—April 30, 2022

OPENING VERSE

All make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister sings

VERSE AND RESPONSE

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Cantor/Presiding Minister All

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

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HYMN

CHRIST BEFORE US

SUO GAN

1. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - side us,
2. May we be for one an - oth - er
3. God be - fore us through the a - ges;
4. O Re - deem - er, fill your ser - vants

1. Christ to guide us all our days. He to car - ry
2. all that you would have us be. May we live your
3. Christ be - side us here to - day. Spir - it, lead us
4. with your words of last - ing life. Give to those with

1. all our sor - rows, he to bear us per - fect grace.
2. law of kind - ness, love, com - pas - sion, char - i - ty,
3. forth for - ev - er; guide and help us all our days.
4. hands of heal - ing love trans - cend - ing pain and strife.

1. Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend and Broth - er, In - ter - ces - sor,
2. May we climb your ho - ly moun - tain; may we see your
3. Christ the Sav - ior, God the Liv - ing, Great Cre - a - tor,
4. Make us lov - ing sons and daugh - ters; make us ho - ly,

1. Son of God, save your peo - ple in your dy - ing,
2. ho - ly face! Vis - it now this hum - ble dwell - ing;
3. Spir - it blest! Ho - ly Three - in - One Im - mor - tal,
4. kind and true, sent to la - bor for your King - dom—

1. and in ris - ing, con - quer death.
2. dwell with - in this ho - ly place.
3. come and be our wel - come guest.
4. rest - less till we rest in you.

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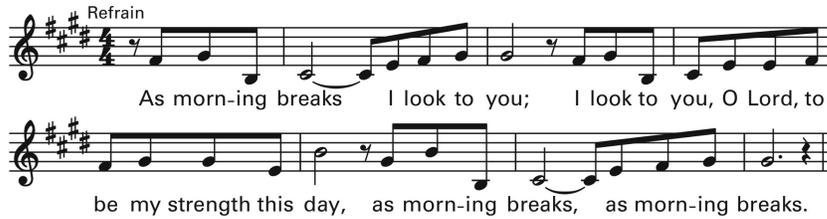
PSALMODY: Psalm 63

(During the singing of psalm 63 the presiding minister sprinkles the assembly with holy water to recall our baptism)

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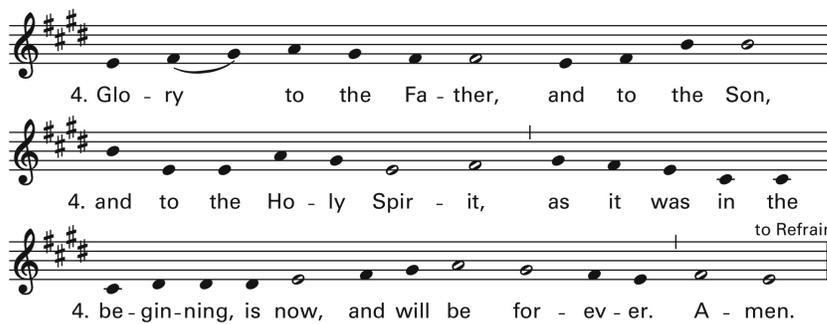
Refrain



As morn-ing breaks I look to you; I look to you, O Lord, to
be my strength this day, as morn-ing breaks, as morn-ing breaks.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you,
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in your holy place
to see your strength and your glory.
2. For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
- in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.
3. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night,
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

Doxology: All



4. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
4. and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the
to Refrain
4. be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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PSALM-PRAYER

Let us pray.

After a time of silence:

Rarely do we hear, O God,
those songs creation sings with you.
Our children and the child-like catch the tune,
but we who take charge of earth
have ears sealed by haste,
lips sealed by spilling words.
Remember us.
Remember us, Lord that we may with right humility
befriend everything you have made
and so sing praise with all creation forever and ever.
Amen.

READING

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. - Romans 14:7-9

REFLECTION

GOSPEL CANTICLE (BENEDICTUS)

CANTICLE OF ZACHARY

Janet Sullivan Whitaker



1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free,
2. With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3. My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



1. and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from
2. the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to
3. to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e -



1. Da - vid's tree. So have the proph - ets long de - clared
2. save us all; that we might wor - ship with - out fear
3. ter - nal sway. Then shall God's mer - cy from on high



1. that with a might - y arm, God would turn back our
2. and of - fer lives of praise, in ho - li - ness and
3. shine forth and nev - er cease to drive a - way the



1. en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
2. righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
3. gloom of death, and lead us in - to peace.

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INTERCESSIONS

Presiding Minister: Let pray for the needs of our church and world:

Lead Us to Act Justly
Michael Prendergast and Joseph Sullivan

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All



Lead us to act just - ly. Lead us to love ten-der-ly.

Intercessions: Cantor



Lead us to walk hum - bly. Lord, hear our prayer.

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LORDS PRAYER

Presiding Minister: Our God is like a Mother and Father and so we pray:

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

After a time of silence:

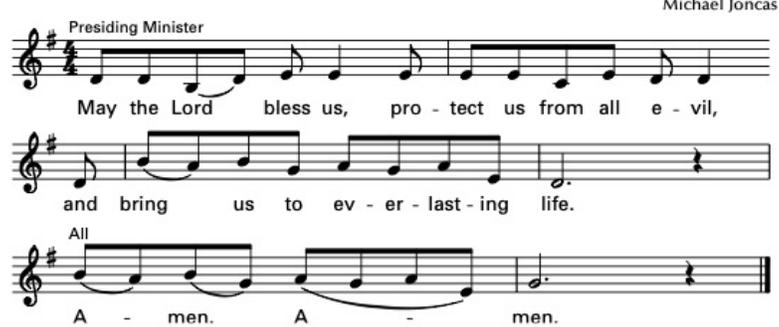
Silent God,
as earth spins dawn to one place after another,
every moment begins a day never known before.
Let morning's light signal your mercy to those who cry,
let it signal your struggle against evil taken up once more.
Let the light signal too your joyful love
for the earth itself and all its elements,
the vegetation, the great numbers of animals,
and among these ourselves, the just and the unjust,
who all live by your grace,
you who are blessed now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

(All make the sign of the cross as the blessing is sung)

BLESSING Michael Joncas

Presiding Minister



May the Lord bless us, pro - tect us from all e - vil,
and bring us to ev - er - last - ing life.
All
A - men. A - men.

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SIGN OF PEACE

Presiding minister: Let share a sign of God's peace.