

# Morning Prayer

## Thursday - Week 2



(Please stand)

God, come to my assistance

—Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

—as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.

### Morning Hymn: “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

1. The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks; when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
2. Not as of old, a little child, to bear to fight, to die; but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.
3. The King shall come when morning dawns and earth’s dark night is past; O haste the rising of that morn, the day that aye shall last.

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### First Reading **Isaiah 41:13-20**

I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you." Fear not, O worm Jacob, O maggot Israel; I will help you, says the LORD; your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel. I will make of you a threshing sledge, sharp, new, and double-edged, To thresh the mountains and crush them, to make the hills like chaff. When you winnow them, the wind shall carry them off and the storm shall scatter them. But you shall rejoice in the LORD, and glory in the Holy One of Israel. The afflicted and the needy seek water in vain, their tongues are parched with thirst. I, the LORD, will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. I will

open up rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the broad valleys; I will turn the desert into a marshland, and the dry ground into springs of water. I will plant in the desert the cedar, acacia, myrtle, and olive; I will set in the wasteland the cypress, together with the plane tree and the pine, That all may see and know, observe and understand, That the hand of the LORD has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it.

**Psalmody** (please be seated)

(Repeat antiphon after Leader)

Ant: Stir up your mighty power, Lord; come to our aid.

**Psalm 80**

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

R: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

L: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

R: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

L: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

R: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.

L: Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

R: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted. They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

- L: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.
- R: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

### **Psalm Prayer**

Lord God, eternal shepherd, you so tend the vineyard you planted that now it extends its branches even to the farthest coast. Look down on your Church and come to us. Help us remain in your Son as branches on the vine that, planted firmly in your love, we may testify before the whole world to your great power working everywhere.

(Antiphon all together)

Ant: Stir up your mighty power, Lord; come to our aid.

### **Psalm 85: "Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness"**

Please repeat refrain after cantor the first time:

Lord, let us see your kindness; Lord, let us see your kindness.

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### **Psalm Prayer**

Lord God, open our mouths to proclaim your glory. Help us to leave sin behind and to rejoice in professing your name.

### **Reading: Matthew 11:11-15**

Jesus said to the crowds, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came; and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. Let anyone with ears listen!

## Reflection

### Song: Canticle of Zechariah

Now bless the God of Israel who comes in love and power, who raises from the royal house deliv'rance in this hour. Through holy prophets God has sworn to free us from alarm, to save us from the heavy hand of all who wish us harm.

Remembering the covenant, God rescues us from fear, that we might serve in holiness and peace from year to year. And you, my child, shall go before, to preach, to prophesy, that all may know the tender love, the grace of God most high.

In tender mercy, God will send the dayspring from on high, our rising sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh. God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more. Sing praises to the Holy One, O worship and adore.

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**Intercessions:**-- Response: Lord hear our prayer.

**Lord's Prayer**

**Sign of Peace**

### **Closing Prayer**

Almighty God, give us the joy of your love to prepare the way for Christ our Lord. Help us to serve you and one another. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

### **Dismissal**

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

—Amen.