

# MORNING PRAYER

## Monday / Third week of Easter



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.**

**Alleluia!**

### **Morning Hymn: “Morning Has Broken”**

*1 Morning has broken Like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!*

*2 Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from Heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

*3 Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play. Praise with elation, praise every morning, God’s re-creation of the new day!*

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### **Reading: Acts 6:8-15**

Stephen, filled with grace and power, was working great wonders and signs among the people. Certain members of the so-called Synagogue of Freedmen, Cyreneans, and Alexandrians, and people from Cilicia and Asia, came forward and debated with Stephen, but they could not

withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they instigated some men to say, “We have heard him speaking blasphemous words against Moses and God.” They stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes, accosted him, seized him, and brought him before the Sanhedrin. They presented false witnesses who testified, “This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law. For we have heard him claim that this Jesus the Nazorean will destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us.” All those who sat in the Sanhedrin looked intently at him and saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

### **Psalm: You Have Been Our Dwelling Place**

(Please repeat refrain after cantor the first time and sing after each verse.)

*You have been our dwelling place throughout all time, our safety, our refuge our home. You have been our dwelling place throughout all time, our safety, our refuge our home.*

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**Antiphon** (*Please repeat after Leader*) The snare has been broken and we have escaped, alleluia.

### **Psalm 123: Our help is in the name of the Lord**

L: If the Lord had not been on our side when men rose up against us, then would they have swallowed us alive when their anger was kindled.

R: Then would the waters have engulfed us, the torrent gone over us; over our head would have swept the raging waters.’

L: Blessed be the Lord who did not give us a prey to their teeth! Our life, like a bird, has escaped from the snare of the fowler.

R: Indeed the snare has been broken and we have escaped.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

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.

**Antiphon:** (*all*) The snare has been broken and we have escaped, alleluia.

## **Psalm Prayer**

Christ loves us, and by his death he has freed us from our sins. He is the origin of the new creation, the first to return from the dead, to be in all things supreme. To him be glory and power for ever and ever, alleluia.

## **Gospel: John 6:22-29**

[After Jesus had fed the five thousand men, his disciples saw him walking on the sea.] The next day, the crowd that remained across the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not gone along with his disciples in the boat, but only his disciples had left. Other boats came from Tiberias near the place where they had eaten the bread when the Lord gave thanks. When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered them and said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal.” So they said to him, “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.”

## **Reflection**

## **We Are Many Parts**

*We are many parts. We are all one body. And the gifts we have, we were given to share. May the spirit of love, make us one indeed; one, the Love that we share; one, our hope and despair; one, the cross that we bear.*

*God of all, we look to you, we would be your servants true, let us be your love for all the world.*

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### **Intercessions**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Kiss of Peace**

### **Closing Prayer**

God and Father, to those who go astray you reveal the light of your truth and enable them to return to the right path. Grant that all who have received the grace of baptism may strive to be worthy of their Christian calling and reject everything opposed to it.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Dismissal**

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

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