

Morning Prayer

Wednesday - Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

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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: "Fresh As the Morning"

1. *God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come, you are our center, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our home.*

Refrain: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change. Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

2. *God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part, still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit, feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.*

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Reading: Jonah 4: 1-11

Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry that God did not carry out the evil he threatened against Nineveh. He prayed, "I beseech you, Lord, is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? This is why I fled at first to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, rich in clemency, loathe to punish. And now, Lord, please take my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live." But the Lord asked, "Have you reason to be angry?" Jonah then left the city for a place to the east of it, where he built himself a hut and waited under it in the shade, to see what would happen to the city. And when the Lord God provided a gourd plant that grew up over Jonah's head, giving shade that relieved him of any discomfort, Jonah was very happy over the plant. But the next morning at dawn God sent a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. And when the sun arose, God sent a burning east wind; and the sun beat upon Jonah's head till he became faint. Then Jonah asked for death, saying, "I would be better off dead than alive." But God said to Jonah, "Have you reason to be angry over the plant?" "I have reason to be angry," Jonah answered, "angry enough to die."

Then the Lord said, "You are concerned over the plant which cost you no labor and which you did not raise; it came up in one night and in one night it perished. And should I not be concerned with Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot distinguish their right hand from their left, not to mention the many cattle?"

Psalm 90: "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.

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Psalmody: Psalm 86 (Please repeat the antiphon after the leader)

Antiphon: Lord, you are merciful and gracious.

L. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for to you I call all the day.

R. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

L. For you, O Lord are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.

R. Hearken, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

- L. All the nations you have made shall come and worship you,
O Lord, and glorify your name.
- R. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.

Psalm Prayer

Loving God, you give us everything we need. Help us to open our spirits to your guidance and to do your will through this day.

(Antiphon all together)

Ant. Lord, you are merciful and gracious.

Reading: Luke 11:1-4

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins
for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us,
and do not subject us to the final test."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

Song: "We Are Many Parts"

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

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

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Intercessions

Please respond "Lord hear our prayer."

Lord's Prayer

Kiss of Peace

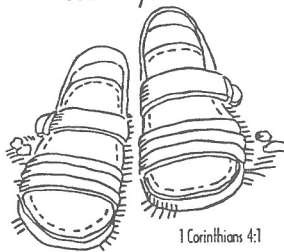
Closing Prayer

As we prepare to leave this place, strengthen us in your faith, hope and love. Allow us to know you better and prepare us to be bearers of your presence to all we meet.

Dismissal

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

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



1 Corinthians 4:1