

January 2nd: St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen

Morning Prayer with Mass



St Basil the Great (330 - 379) : Basil was born in 330 at Caesarea in Cappadocia, of a Christian family. A brilliant scholar and a virtuous man, he started by becoming a hermit but was made bishop of Caesarea in 370. He fought against the Arians and wrote many notable works, in particular the monastic rule that bears his name and which many monks in the East follow to this day. He was also generous to the poor. He died on 1 January 379.

St Gregory Nazianzen (330 - 389) He was born in 330, near Nazianzus. He travelled widely in search of knowledge. He followed his friend Basil into the wilderness, but he too was ordained and later made a bishop. He was elected Bishop of Constantinople in 381 but because of the factional fighting within the Church he retired to Nazianzus, where he died on 25 January 389 or 390. He is known as “Gregory the Theologian” in honour of his learning and eloquence.

From lands that see the sun arise



Blest Author of this earthly frame, To take a servant's form he came,
That, liberating flesh by flesh, Whom he had made might live afresh.

All honour, laud and glory be, O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee;
All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete.

As we light the Candle for Peace:

We pray for peace throughout the world,
And for people in the Holy Land, in Syria and Iraq,
in Sudan, Yemen and elsewhere,
whose lives are threatened or taken from them by violence and war.
We pray for refugees.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, come to our aid: O Lord, make haste to help us
Glory to the Father

Psalm 17



I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour,
My God is the rock where I shelter, my shield my mighty help.
I love you, Lord my strength.

The Lord is worthy of praise, He saves me from all my foes,
Long life to the Lord, God my Saviour, All praise to God who saves.
I love you, Lord my strength.

I thank you, Lord, for your love. I praise you for all your kindness,
I love you, O God, for your goodness, I love you, Lord my strength.
I love you, Lord my strength.

Let us pray:

Loving God,
we are overwhelmed with the dignity that you give us as your children.
Give us the grace to rely on your strength
when we realize how weak we are.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

I bow my knees: from a Canticle in the Letter to the Ephesians

I bow my knees before the Lord our God. Each family comes from God:
The Spirit strengthen yours with inner power.
May Christ dwell in your hearts!
May you be filled now, filled with the fullness of God.
May you be filled now, filled with the fullness of God.

We continue with the Gloria and the Collect of the Mass

Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

To welcome the Gospel we sing

Alleluia, alleluia. At various times in the past, and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors, God spoke through the prophets. Now in our time
he has spoken through his Son. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Intercessions:

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love Divine;
Love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love Incarnate, Love Divine;
Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, love be yours & love be mine.
Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign

**St Gregory Sanctus
Memorial Acclamation**

We pro - claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Re - sur -
rec - tion un - til you come a - gain, un -
til you come a - gain.

St Gregory Agnus Dei

Communion:

As the deer yearns for running streams,
so I long, so I long, so I long for you.

After communion

God swore his oath to Abraham and Sarah,
to give us all our freedom from all fear;
to save each one from those who seek to harm them,
that we might serve in holiness of life,
that we might serve in justice and in truth,
our ev' ry day in presence of the Lord.

Blessing

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all

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harm, and may he lead us to e - ter - nal life.

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