

Christmas
St Stephen's Day

Morning Prayer



Introit of Christmas

Response

The Lord _____ said to me: You are _____ my son;

I have be - got - ten you, be - got - ten you _____ this day.

Verse

God speaks to the earth, _____ the word speeds _____ forth.

God speaks his word to Ja - cob, to Is - ra - el his laws and de - crees. rit D.C.

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

Glory to the Father

Psalm 62



O God, you are my God, for you I long.

O God, you are my God, for you I long, for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you, my God, like a dry weary land without water.

O God, you are my God, for you I long.

I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and glory,
for your love is better than life itself; my lips will speak your praise.

O God, you are my God, for you I long.

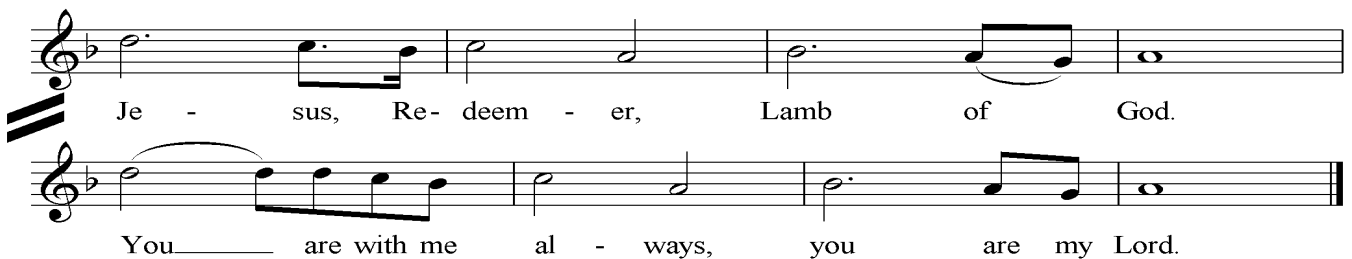
On you I muse throughout the night, on my bed I remember you,
for you have been my refuge and your right hand holds me fast.

O God, you are my God, for you I long.

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen.

O God, you are my God, for you I long.

The Prologue of St John



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God,
and everything was made through him that was made;
in him was life and that life was the light of men,
and that light shines now in the darkness.

Jesus, Redeemer, Lamb of God.

You are with me always, you are my Lord

We pause for a short time of private prayer then continue with the Gloria



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

The Prayer of the Mass of St Stephen

The 1st reading

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. We praise you, O God, we acknowledge:
you are the Lord. The noble army of martyrs praise you, O Lord. Alleluia,
alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel

Intercessions:

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stand by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Sanctus – memorial-Doxology - Agnus Dei

Communion

Response

Be - hold the Lamb of God, who
takes a - way the sins of the world.
Bless - ed are those called to the Ban - quet of the Lamb.

After communion

Blest be the Lord the God of Israel,
who came to us; and brought us back from sin.
God raised for us a Saviour who is mighty;
his Saviour-Son from David's house and line.
God promised this through holy men and women
who spoke for him down through the mists of time.

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