

January 4th  
Morning Prayer with Mass



[Ravenna](#), Italy: The [Three Wise Men](#)" (named Balthasar, Melchior, and Gaspar).

Hymn for Christmastide (tune: Once in Royal David's City)

Prophets' visions mapped the journey  
Down the stony path they trod –  
Slav'ry, freedom, exile, wand'ring –  
Searching for the reign of God.  
Faithful, faithless, human throng,  
Caught, surprised, by angel-song.

Journey's end provokes new journeys:  
Wond'ring joy makes shepherds swift;  
Magi from the East come riding  
Bearing gifts for God's own Gift:  
Human, God, and king enfold  
Myrrh and frankincense and gold.

As we light our candle for peace we say:

Lord, we pray for peace in the Holy Land,  
For Syria, Iraq, the Yemen  
And all the troubled countries  
where peoples lives are spoiled or taken from them  
by violence or war.  
We pray for refugees  
and for those who need to learn to show mercy.

O God, come to our aid  
O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Glory to the Father, glory to the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen.

### Psalm 42 (43)



Athirst my soul for you, the God who is my life!  
When shall I see, when shall I see, see the face of God.  
**As the deer longs for running streams, so I long, so I long ,  
so I long for you.**

Echoes meet as deep is calling unto deep,  
Over my head, all your mighty waters sweeping over me.  
**As the deer longs for running streams, so I long, so I long ,  
so I long for you.**

Continually the foe delights in taunting me  
"Where is God, where is your God?" Where, O where are you?  
**As the deer longs for running streams, so I long, so I long ,  
so I long for you.**

Defend me, God, send forth your light and your truth;  
they will lead me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling place.

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

Then I shall go unto the altar of my God, praising you  
O my joy and gladness: I shall praise your name.

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

Let us pray:

Almighty God,  
the light of a new star in heaven heralded your saving love.  
Let the light of your salvation dawn in our hearts  
and keep them always open to your life-giving grace.  
We make our prayer] through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We pause for a short time of private prayer then continue with the Gloria and Collect of the  
Mass*

To welcome the Gospel we sing

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

Gospel

Intercessions:

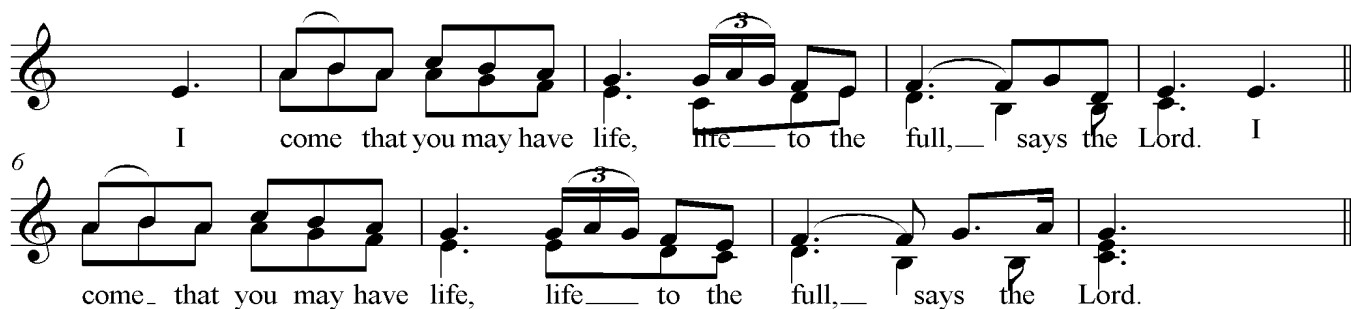
Verse: O Lord, hear my prayer . . . . .

Sanctus

Memorial

Agnus Dei

Communion:



The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Communion song. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a single eighth note. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the fourth measure. The lyrics are: "I come that you may have life, life to the full, says the Lord. I". The bottom staff begins with a treble clef and a sixteenth note. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the fourth measure. The lyrics are: "come that you may have life, life to the full, says the Lord." The number "6" is written to the left of the first measure of the bottom staff.

Benedictus:

For all our sins will freely be forgiven,  
the heart of God pours loving-kindness forth,  
God comes to us like dawn comes to the sky  
bringing true light, where darkness once prevailed.  
So all who live in fear of death's dark shadow,  
God will now guide into the way of peace.

May the Lord bless us,  
And keep us from all harm,  
And may he lead us to eternal life.

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