

Thursday 29 March 2012

Morning Prayer



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Hymn

Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
And close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend,
And didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
In thee to conquer sin.

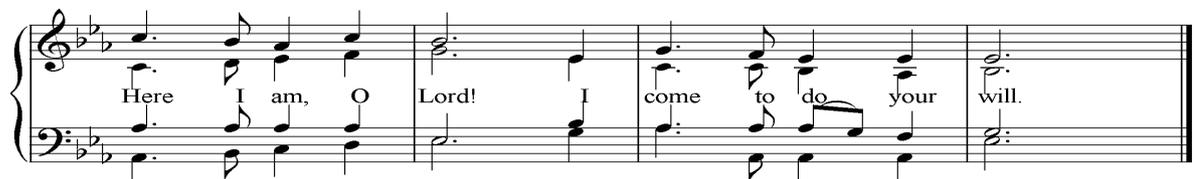
As thirst and hunger thou didst bear,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and daily live
By thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence,
And through thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

O God, come to my aid.
O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

Psalm 39



I waited, I waited for the Lord. He stooped and he heard my cry.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song in the praise of our God.
Here I am, O Lord! I come to do your will.

You ask not for sacrifice and offerings. You ask for an open ear.
You ask not for holocaust or victim. Instead, Oh my God, here I am.
Here I am, O Lord! I come to do your will.

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I listen and do your will.
My God I delight in your law, your law finds its home in my heart.
Here I am, O Lord! I come to do your will.

Hebrews 2:9-10

We have seen Jesus crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation.

Canticle

Benedictus

Now bless the God of Is - ra - el who comes in love and
Re - mem - ber - ing the co - ve - nant, God res - cues us from
In - ten - der - mer - cy God will send the day - spring from on

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power, who rais - es from the roy - al house de - liv - 'rance
fear, that we might serve in ho - li - ness and peace from
high, our ris - ing sun, the light of life for those who

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in this hour. Through ho - ly pro - phets God has sworn to
year to year; and you, my child, shall go be - fore to
sit and sigh. God comes to guide our way to peace, that

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free us from a - larm, to save us
preach, to pro - phe - cy that all may
death shall reign no more. Sing wor - ship

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from the heav - y hand of all who wish us harm.
know the ten - der love, the grace of God most high.
to the Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore.

Prayers and Intercessions

All praise to Christ the Lord, the light of the world. Thanks to him we walk not in shadows but in living light. We offer him our prayer:

– ***May your word be a lantern to guide our steps.***

Most kind God, may we learn today to imitate you more closely.

Our nature fell with Adam: raise it to its feet.

– ***May your word be a lantern to guide our steps.***

Give us your word as a lantern to guide our footsteps:

if we follow you truly, every action will increase our love.

– ***May your word be a lantern to guide our steps.***

Teach us to do faithfully what is good, for the sake of your name, so that the Church shines more brightly on the whole family of man.

– ***May your word be a lantern to guide our steps.***

Give us sincere repentance: make us more and more seek your friendship

and atone for our sins against your wisdom and goodness.

– ***May your word be a lantern to guide our steps.***

Our Father, who art in heaven

Stand by your people, Lord,
who place all their trust in your mercy.

Wash away the stain of our sins,
make us live in your presence our whole life long,
and bring us to the inheritance you have promised.

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.

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

AMEN