

# Morning Prayer

## Saturday



### INVITATORY (please stand)

*Leader:* Lord, + open my lips.

*All:* – And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

*Leader:* Let us listen to the voice of God; let us enter into his rest.

*All:* –Let us listen to the voice of God; let us enter into his rest.

Psalm 95 (the “Leader” alone reads the verses; “All” respond with the antiphon)

Come, let us sing to the Lord \*

and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.

Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving \*

and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

*All:* Let us listen to the voice of God; let us enter into his rest.

The Lord is God, the mighty God, \*

the great king over all the gods.

He holds in his hands the depths of the earth \*

and the highest mountains as well.

He made the sea; it belongs to him, \*

the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

**All:** Let us listen to the voice of God; let us enter into his rest.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship, \*  
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.  
For he is our God and we are his people, \*  
the flock he shepherds.

**All:** Let us listen to the voice of God; let us enter into his rest.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord: †  
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did  
in the wilderness, \*  
when at Meriba and Massah  
they challenged me and provoked me, \*  
Although they had seen all of my works.

**All:** Let us listen to the voice of God; let us enter into his rest.

Forty years I endured that generation. \*  
I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray  
and they do not know my ways."  
So I swore in my anger, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

**All:** Let us listen to the voice of God; let us enter into his rest.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

**All:** Let us listen to the voice of God; let us enter into his rest.

## SONG

## PSALMODY (please sit)

**Leader:** We do well to sing to your name, Most High, and proclaim your mercy at daybreak.

Psalm 92 Praise of God the creator

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning \*  
and your truth in the watches of the night,  
on the ten-stringed lyre and the lute, \*  
with the murmuring sound of the harp.

Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad; \*  
for the work of your hands I shout with joy.  
O Lord, how great are your works! \*  
How deep are your designs!  
The foolish man cannot know this \*  
and the fool cannot understand.

Though the wicked spring up like grass \*  
and all who do evil thrive:  
they are doomed to be eternally destroyed. \*  
But you, Lord, are eternally on high.  
See how your enemies perish; \*  
all doers of evil are scattered.

To me you give the wild-ox's strength; \*  
you anoint me with the purest oil.  
My eyes looked in triumph on my foes; \*  
my ears heard gladly of their fall.  
The just will flourish like the palm-tree \*  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord, \*  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old, \*  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just. \*  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

*All:* We do well to sing to your name, Most High, and proclaim your mercy at daybreak.

*Leader:* I will create a new heart in you, and breathe into you a new spirit.

*Canticle: Ezekiel 36:24-28 The Lord will renew his people*

I will take you away from among the nations, †  
gather you from all the foreign lands, \*  
and bring you back to your own land.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you †  
to cleanse you from all your impurities, \*  
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

I will give you a new heart \*  
and place a new spirit within you,  
taking from your bodies your stony hearts \*  
and giving you natural hearts.

I will put my spirit within you †  
and make you live by my statutes, \*  
careful to observe my decrees.

You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; †  
you shall be my people, \*  
and I will be your God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

*All:* I will create a new heart in you, and breathe into you a new spirit.

*Leader:* On the lips of children and infants you have found perfect praise.

*Psalm 8 The majesty of the Lord and man's dignity*

How great is your name, O Lord our God, \*  
through all the earth!

Your majesty is praised above the heavens; \*  
on the lips of children and of babes  
you have found praise to foil your enemy, \*  
to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, \*  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind, \*  
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god; \*  
with glory and honor you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hands, \*  
put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle, \*  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish \*  
that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God \*  
through all the earth!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

*All:* On the lips of children and infants you have found perfect praise.

## **READING 2 Peter 3:13-15a**

What we await are new heavens and a new earth where, according to his promise, the justice of God will reside. So, beloved, while waiting for this, make every effort to be found without stain or defilement, and at peace in his sight. Consider that our Lord's patience is directed toward salvation.

## **RESPONSORY**

*Leader:* It is my joy, O God, to praise you with song.

*All:* — It is my joy, O God, to praise you with song.

*Leader:* To sing as I ponder your goodness,

*All:* — to praise you with song.

*Leader:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*All:* — It is my joy, O God, to praise you with song.

## GOSPEL CANTICLE (please stand)

*Leader:* Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

*(all together in unison:)*

Blessed + be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old †  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

*All:* Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.

## INTERCESSIONS

*Leader:* Let us adore God, who has given hope and life to the world through his Son, and let us humbly ask him:

*Leader:* Lord, Father of all, you have brought us to the dawn of this day,

*All:* – make us live with Christ and praise your glory.

*Leader:* You have poured out faith, hope and love upon us,

*All:* – keep them firmly rooted in our hearts.

*Leader:* Lord, let our eyes be always raised up to you,

*All:* – so that we may swiftly answer your call.

*Leader:* Protect us from the snares and enticements of evil,

*All:* – keep our feet from stumbling.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Leader:* Gathering our prayer and praises into one, let us offer the prayer Christ himself taught us:

*(all together in unison:)*

Our Father, who art in heaven .....

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Leader:*

All-powerful and ever-living God,  
splendor of true light, and never ending day:

let the radiance of your coming

banish from our minds

the darkness of sin.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

*All:* – Amen.

## DISMISSAL

*Leader:* May the Lord + bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

*All:* – Amen.