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Morning Song

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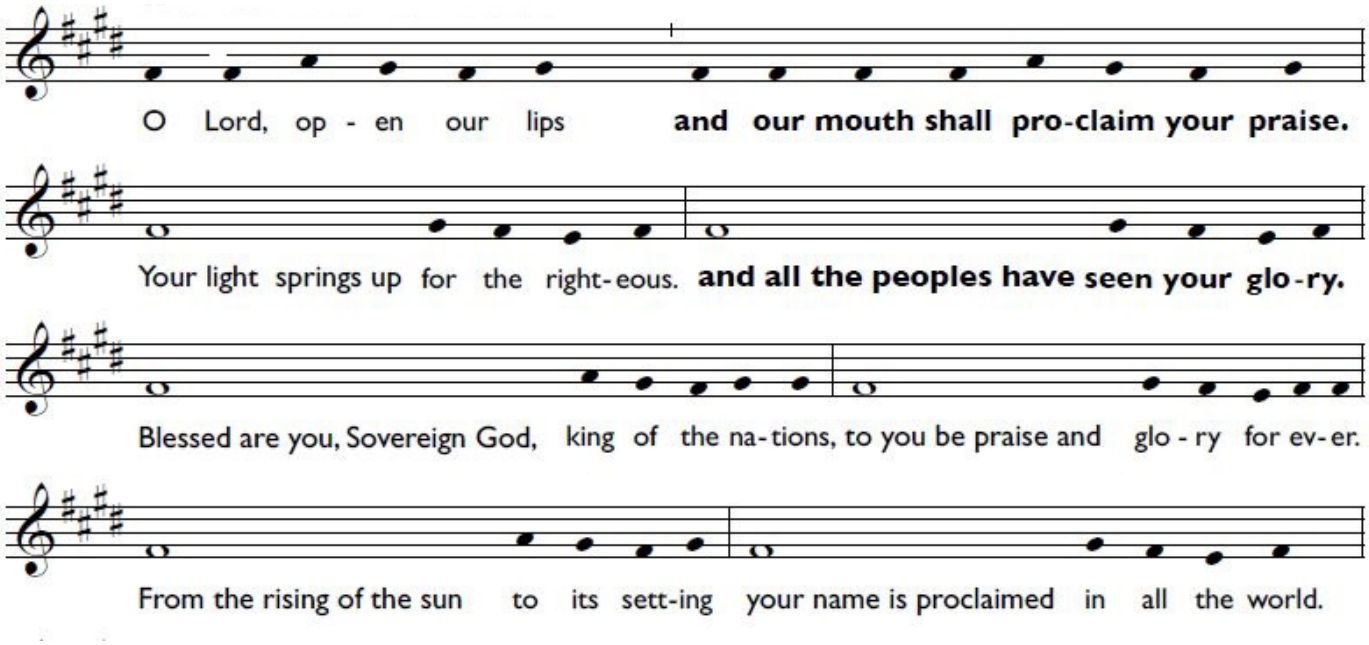
Introit Arise, shine, O Jerusalem *Palestrina, arr. Francis Jackson and Philip Moore*

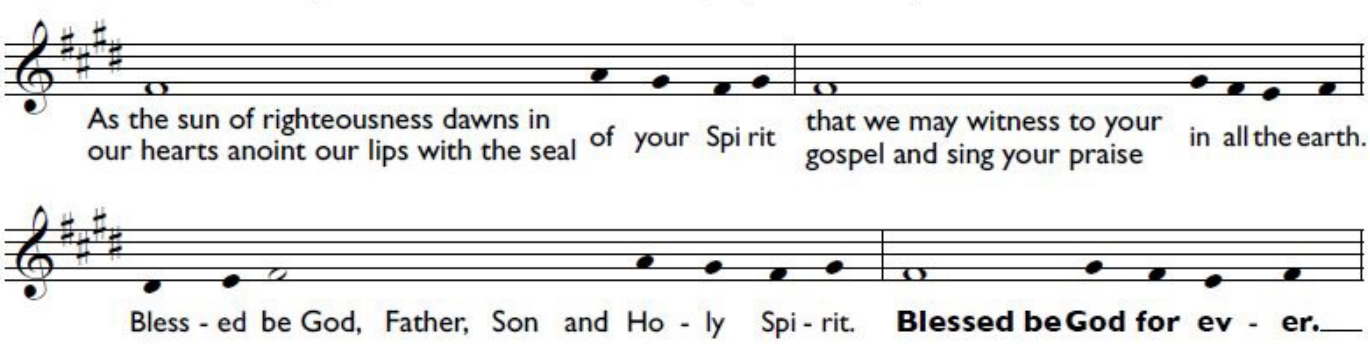
Arise, shine, O Jerusalem:
for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is ris'n upon thee.
We have seen his star in the East:
and are come with gifts to worship him.
The kings of Tharsis and the isles shall give him presents:
the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
All kings shall fall down before him:
all nations shall do him service.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.
Arise, shine, O Jerusalem:
for the glory of the Lord is ris'n upon thee.

Adapted from a Magnificat by G.P. da Palestrina (c. 1525-94)

Welcome

Preces Plainsong *sung by the Choral Scholars*





The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Psalmody Psalm 149 *sung by the Choral Scholars*

1 Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.

4 For the Lord has pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with salvation.

5 Let the faithful be joyful in glory; let them rejoice in their ranks.

6 With the praises of God in their mouths and a two-edged sword in their hands.

7 To execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute on them the judgement decreed: such honour have all his faithful servants. Alleluia.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 9: 8-19

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'
The sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah; and from these the whole earth was peopled.

Canticle A Song of the New Jerusalem *Plainsong*

1 Arise, shine out, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

2 Though night still covers the earth,
and darkness the peoples;

3 Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God's glory appears.

4 The nations will come to your light,
and kings to your dawning brightness.

5 Your gates will lie open continually,
shut neither by day nor by night.

6 The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land,
or ruin and devastation within your borders.

7 You will call your walls, Salvation,
and your gates, Praise.

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8 No more will the sun give you daylight,
nor moonlight shine upon you:

9 But the Lord will be your everlasting light,
your God will be your splendour.

10 For you shall be called the city of God,
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 60.1-3a, 11a,18,19,14b

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

New Testament Reading Matthew 25: 14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So

take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Responsory *Plainsong*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Tell out his salvation from day to day,
let the whole earth tremble before him.
Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Gospel Canticle Benedictus *Harper*

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

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9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68–79

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Prayers

The response to the prayers is:
Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
All **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *Bell sung by the Choral Scholars*

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Notices

Blessing

Anthem Here is the little door *Howells*

Here is the little door,
lift up the latch, oh lift!
We need not wander more,
but enter with our gift;
Our gift of finest gold.
Gold that was never bought or sold;
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed;
Incense in clouds about His head;
All for the child that stirs not in His sleep,
But holy slumber hold with ass and sheep.

Bend low about His bed,
For each He has a gift;
See how His eyes awake,
Lift up your hands, O lift!
For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword.
(Defend with it thy little Lord!)
For incense, smoke of battle red,
Myrrh for the honoured happy dead;
Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet;
Touched by such tiny hands,
and Oh such tiny feet.

Frances Chesterton (1869-1938)

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