St Martin in the Fields

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Morning Song

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Introit Jesu, dulcis memoria *Victoria*
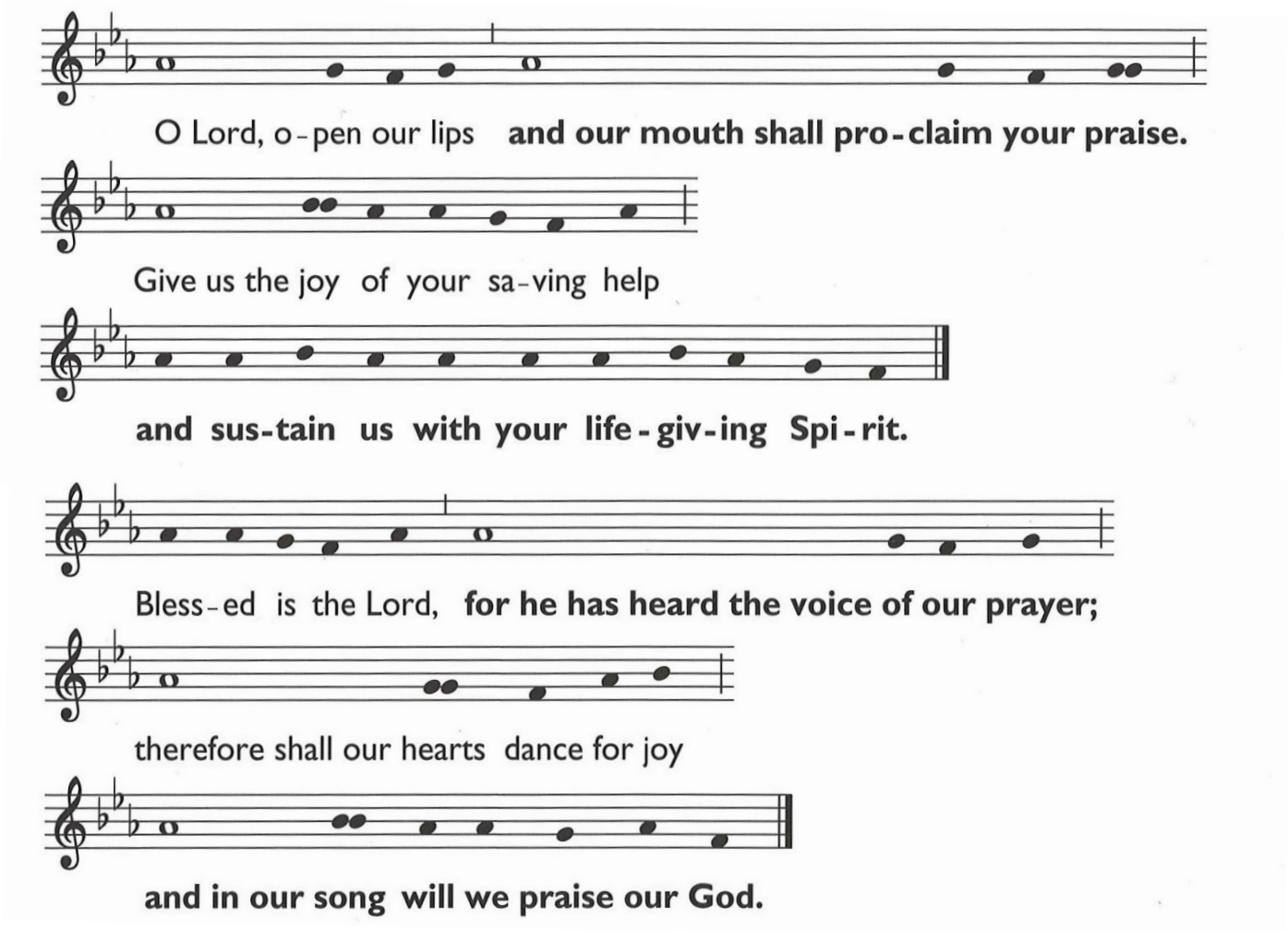
Jesu, dulcis memoria dans vera cordis gaudia:
sed super mel et omnia ejus dulcis praesentia.

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills the breast!
Yet sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy Presence rest.

Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

Welcome

Preces Plainsong *sung by the Choral Scholars*



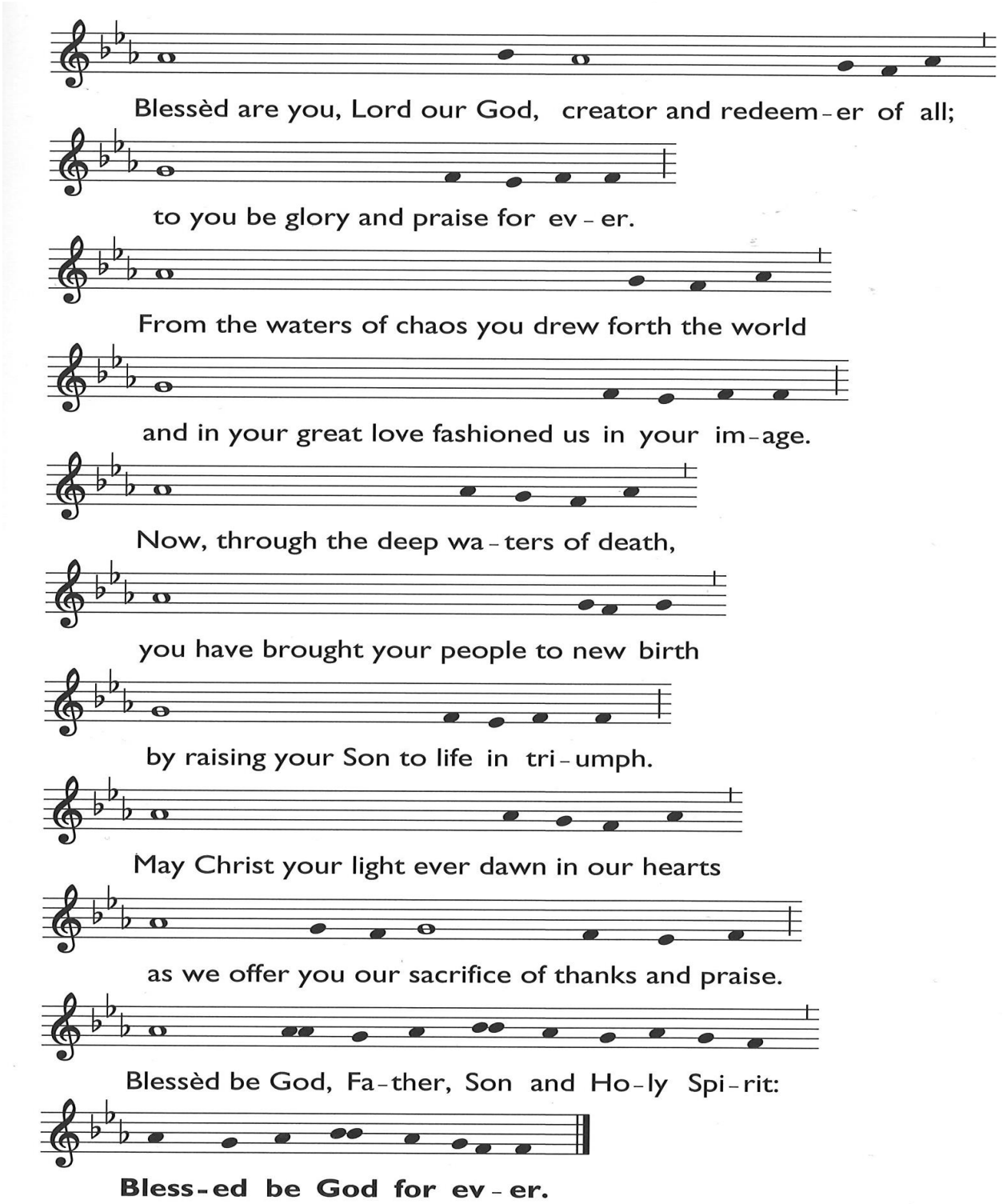
The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving Plainsong *sung by the Choral Scholars*



Psalmody Psalm 88. 11-end

11 Lord, I have called daily upon you;
I have stretched out my hands to you.

12 Do you work wonders for the dead?
Will the shades stand up and praise you?

13 Shall your loving-kindness be declared in the grave,
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

14 Shall your wonders be known in the dark
or your righteous deeds in the land where all is forgotten?

15 But as for me, O Lord, I will cry to you;
early in the morning my prayer shall come before you.

16 Lord, why have you rejected my soul?
Why have you hidden your face from me?

17 I have been wretched and at the point of death from my youth;
I suffer your terrors and am no more seen.

18 Your wrath sweeps over me;
your horrors are come to destroy me;

19 All day long they come about me like water;
they close me in on every side.

20 Lover and friend have you put far from me
and hid my companions out of my sight.

Old Testament Reading 1 Maccabees 4. 26-35

Those of the foreigners who escaped went and reported to Lysias all that had happened. When he heard it, he was perplexed and discouraged, for things had not happened to Israel as he had intended, nor had they turned out as the king had ordered. But the next year he mustered sixty thousand picked infantry and five thousand cavalry to subdue them. They came into Idumea and encamped at Beth-zur, and Judas met them with ten thousand men.

When he saw that their army was strong, he prayed, saying, 'Blessed are you, O Saviour of Israel, who crushed the attack of the mighty warrior by the hand of your servant David, and gave the camp of the Philistines into the hands of Jonathan son of Saul, and of the man who carried his armour. Hem in this army by the hand of your people Israel, and let them be ashamed of their troops and their cavalry. Fill them with cowardice; melt the boldness of their strength; let them tremble in their destruction. Strike them down with the sword of those who love you, and let all who know your name praise you with hymns.' Then both sides attacked, and there fell of the army of Lysias five thousand men; they fell in action. When Lysias saw the rout of his troops and observed the boldness that inspired those of Judas, and how ready they were either to live or to die nobly, he withdrew to Antioch and enlisted mercenaries in order to invade Judea again with an even larger army.

Canticle A Song of Christ the Servant *Goss*

1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example,
that you should follow in his steps.

2 He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips,
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.

3 When he suffered, he did not threaten,
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.

4 Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

5 By his wounds, you have been healed,
for you were straying like sheep,
but have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2.21b-25

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 Mark 16. 1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Gospel Canticle Benedictus *Plainsong*

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.

continued...

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.

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

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Prayers

The response to the prayers is:

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 for ever.
All **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *Wilson*

All **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 Sicut cervus *Palestrina*

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:
Ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

As the stag yearns for springs of water:
So my soul yearns for you, God.

Psalm 41 (42) 1-3

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