MORNING PRAYER

The leader and people stand and begin by making the Sign of the Cross:

God, come to my assistance.

– Lord, make haste to help me.

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. (Alleluia.)

Hymn

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

1. Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song!
2. O what glory, far exceeded! All that eye has yet perceived!
3. Life eternal! heav’n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead;
4. Life eternal! O what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,

To the former days belong. All around the
Never that full joy conceived. God has promised,
Child of God, lift up your head! Patriarchs from Saints shall stand before the throne! O to enter

Clouds are breaking, Soon the storms of time shall cease;
Christ prepares it, There on high our welcome waits;
Distant ages, Saints all long for their heaven, that bright portal, See that glowing firmament,

In God’s likeness, we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.
Every humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.
Prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, All await the glory given.
Know, with you, O God immortal, “Jesus Christ whom you have sent!”
Psalmody

The leader and people are seated.

Ant. 1 My commandment is this: love one another as I have loved you (alleluia).

My commandment is this: love one another as I have loved you (alleluia).

Psalm 63: 2-9

Side A
1. O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you; for you my soul is thirsting.
   For you my flesh is pining, like a dry, weary land without water.
   I have come before you in the sanctuary, to behold your strength and your glory.

Side B
2. Your loving mercy is better than life; my lips will speak your praise.
   I will bless you all my life; in your name I will lift up my hands.
   My soul shall be filled as with a banquet; with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

3. When I remember you upon my bed, I muse on you through the watches of the night.
   For you have been my strength; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
   My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

5. as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Ant. My commandment is this: love one another as I have loved you (alleluia).

Pause for silent prayer.

Ant. 2 There is no greater love than to lay down your life for your friends (alleluia).

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Canticle

Daniel 3: 57-88, 56

Side A
1. Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all forever.
   Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.
   You heavens, bless the Lord.
   All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord.
   All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.
   Sun and moon, bless the Lord.
   Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

Side B
2. Every shower and dew, bless the Lord.
   All you winds, bless the Lord.
   Fire and heat, bless the Lord.
   Cold and chill, bless the Lord.
   Dew and rain, bless the Lord.
   Frost and chill, bless the Lord.
   Ice and snow, bless the Lord.
   Nights and days, bless the Lord.
   Light and darkness, bless the Lord.
   Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.
Side A
3. Let the earth bless the Lord.
   Praise and exalt him above all forever.
   Mountains and hills, bless the Lord.
   Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.
   You springs, bless the Lord.
   Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.
   You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord.
   All you birds of the air, bless the Lord.
   All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord.
   You sons of men, bless the Lord.

   Let us praise and exalt him above all forever.
   Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
   Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever.

   Ant. There is no greater love than to lay down your life for your friends (alleluia).

   Pause for silent prayer.

   Ant. 3 You are my friends, says the Lord, if you do what I command you (alleluia).
   You are my friends, says the Lord, if you do what I command you (alleluia).

Psalm 149

Side A
1. Sing a new song to the Lord,
   his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
   Let Israel rejoice in its Maker;
   let Sion’s children exult in their king.
   Let them praise his name with dancing,
   and make music with timbrel and harp.

3. To deal out vengeance to the nations
   and punishment upon the peoples;
   to bind their kings in chains
   and their nobles in fetters of iron;
   to carry out the judgment decreed.
   This is an honor for all his faithful.

Side B
4. O Israel, bless the Lord.
   Praise and exalt him above all forever.
   Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord.
   Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.
   Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord.
   Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord.
   Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless the Lord.
   Praise and exalt him above all forever.

2. For the Lord takes delight in his people;
   he crowns the poor with salvation.
   Let the faithful exult in glory,
   and rejoice as they take their rest.
   Let the praise of God be in their mouths
   and a two-edged sword in their hand,
Side A
5. as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Ant. You are my friends, says the Lord, if you do what I command you (alleluia).

Reading

Responsory
You have made them rulers over all the earth, alleluia, alleluia.
– You have made them rulers over all the earth, alleluia, alleluia.
God himself is their reward.
– alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
– You have made them rulers over all the earth, alleluia, alleluia.
Canticle of Zechariah

The leader and people stand.

Ant. We must choose someone who was with us all the time that the Lord Jesus lived among us; he will take his place with us in giving witness to the Lord's resurrection, alleluia.

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Make the Sign of the Cross as we sing:


Music: FOREST GREEN, CMD; English, harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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Intercessions

Christ is the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep. Let us praise and thank him as we pray:

Nourish your people, Lord.

Christ, you decided to show your merciful love through your holy shepherds,
– let your mercy always reach us through them.
Through your vicars you continue to perform the ministry of shepherd of souls,
– direct us always through our leaders.
Through your holy ones, the leaders of your people, you served as physician of our bodies and our spirits,
– continue to fulfill your ministry of life and holiness in us.
You taught your flock through the prudence and love of your saints,
– grant us continual growth in holiness under the direction of our pastors.

The Lord’s Prayer

And now let us pray with confidence as Christ our Lord asked:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Concluding Prayer

Collect, Roman Missal (for a Saint)

Dismissal

All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader says:

May the Lord bless us, ☩
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
– Amen.