

Morning Prayer Dec.17, 2020

Officiant Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

People **Show the light of your countenance , and we shall be saved.**

Officiant Will you not give us life again,

People **That your people may rejoice in you?**

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord,

People. **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant. Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People **Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.**

All **Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

Psalm 50

A psalm of Asaph

1. The Mighty One, God, the Lord speaks *and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets .
2. From Zion, perfect in beauty, *God shines forth.
3. Our God comes, and will not be silent;* a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.
4. He summons the heavens above, and the earth, *that he may judge his people.
5. “Gather to me this consecrated people,*who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
6. And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,* for he is a God of justice.
7. “ Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am your God, your God.
8. I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices* or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.
9. I have no need of a bull from your stall* or of goats from your pens,
10. for every animal of the forest is mine,* and the cattle on a thousand hills.

11. I know every bird in the mountains,* and insects in the field are mine.
12. If I were hungry I would not tell you, *
13. for the world is mine, and all that is in it.
14. Do I eat the flesh of bulls * or drink the blood of goats?
15. “Sacrifice thank offerings to God* fulfill your vows to the Most High,
16. and call on me in the day of trouble;* I will deliver you, and you will honour me.”
17. But to the wicked person, God says: “ What right have you to recite my laws* or take my covenant on your lips?
18. You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you.*
19. When you see a thief, you join with him;* a nod you throw your lot in with adulterers.
20. You use your mouth for evil* and harness your tongue to deceit.
21. You sit and testify against your brother* and slander your own mother’s son.
22. When you did these things and I kept silent,* you thought I was exactly like you. But now I arraign you* and set my accusations before you.”
23. “ Consider this, you who forget God *, or I will tear you to pieces, with no one to rescue you:
24. Those who sacrifice thank offerings honour me, *and to the blameless I will show my salvation.”

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham :

Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,

Perez the father Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab,

Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nashon the father of Salmon,

Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa..

Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile of Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Song of Good News

Isaiah 40: 9-11

Go up to a high mountain,* O Zion, herald of joy; lift up your voice in strength,* herald of joy;

Lift up, fear not,* say to the cities of Judah:" Behold your God!

Behold, the Lord comes in might,* comes to rule with his mighty arm; behold, his reward is with him,* his recompense before him.

Like a shepherd will he feed his flock,* gathering the lambs in his arms; he will hold them gently to his breast* and gently lead those with young."

All Glory to the Source of all Being, the Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Intersessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers are offered in a period of silence.

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Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us to today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in this time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen

Dismissal

Officiant The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.

People **Amen**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Officiant. May Christ, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

People. **Amen.**