

Morning Prayer: Wednesday, December 30, 2020

Officiant O Lord, open our lips,

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant Reveal among us the light of your presence

People **That we may behold your power and glory.**

Officiant Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In your tender compassion
the dawn from on high is breaking upon us
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.
As we look for your coming among us this day,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.
Blessed be God, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Psalm 20

The psalm is said pausing at the asterix for the time of app. three heartbeats.

¹May the Lord answer you when you are in distress;
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

²May he send you help from the sanctuary
and grant you support from Zion.

³May he remember all your sacrifices
and accept your burnt offerings.

⁴May he give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed.

⁵May we shout for joy over your victory
and lift up our banners in the name of our God.
May the Lord grant all your requests.

⁶Now this I know:
The Lord gives victory to his anointed.
He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary
with the victorious power of his right hand.

⁷Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

⁸They are brought to their knees and fall,
but we rise up and stand firm.

⁹Lord, give victory to the king!
Answer us when we call!

Psalm 21 1:7

The psalm is said pausing at the asterix for the time of app. three heartbeats.

¹The king rejoices in your strength, Lord.
How great is his joy in the victories you give!

²You have granted him his heart's desire
and have not withheld the request of his lips.

³You came to greet him with rich blessings
and placed a crown of pure gold on his head.

⁴He asked you for life, and you gave it to him—
length of days, for ever and ever.

⁵Through the victories you gave, his glory is great;
you have bestowed on him splendor and majesty.

⁶Surely you have granted him unending blessings
and made him glad with the joy of your presence.

⁷For the king trusts in the Lord;
through the unfailing love of the Most High
he will not be shaken.

⁸Your hand will lay hold on all your enemies;
your right hand will seize your foes.

⁹When you appear for battle,
you will burn them up as in a blazing furnace.
The Lord will swallow them up in his wrath,
and his fire will consume them.

¹⁰You will destroy their descendants from the earth,
their posterity from mankind.

¹¹Though they plot evil against you
and devise wicked schemes, they cannot succeed.

¹² You will make them turn their backs
when you aim at them with drawn bow.

¹³ Be exalted in your strength, Lord;
we will sing and praise your might

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 for ever. Amen.**

Reading

The New Testament reading

A reading from Luke 2:36-40

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,

³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

After the reading the reader says,

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Benedictus es, Domine:

Glory to you, Lord God of our ancestors; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, God, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

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 for ever. Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers are offered in a period of silence.

Lord's Prayer

Officiant Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Dismissal

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

People **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**