ST. MARK’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Morning Prayer ~ Matins ~ from ELW
Ordinary Time

Opening Dialogue*

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

* Minimum sections for household devotions.
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.

Alleluia.

Invitatory

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

Psalmody

Psalm 95*

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MELODY 1

Refrain

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

R: 1Come, let us sing | to the Lord;
   let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

2Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
   and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms. R

3For you, Lord, | are a great God,
   and a great ruler a- | bove all gods. R

4In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
   the heights of the hills are | also yours. R

5The sea is yours, | for you made it,
   and your hands have molded | the dry land. R

6Come, let us worship | and bow down,
   let us kneel before the | Lord our maker. R

7For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's
   pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. R

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

1 Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

2 In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also

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yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your
hands have mold-ed the dry land.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal-va-tion.

Come, let us wor-ship and bow
down; let us kneel be-fore the Lord our mak-er. For the
Lord is our God, and we are the peo-ple of God’s
pas-ture and the sheep of God’s hand.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal-va-tion.

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Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

*Venite exultemus*

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of . . . our salvation.

2. Let us come before his presence . . . with thanks-giving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3. For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

4. In his hands are the caverns . . . of the earth; and the heights of the hills are . . . also his.

5. The sea is his, for he made it; and his hands have molded the dry land.

6. Come, let us bow down and . . . bend the knee, and kneel before the . . . Lord, our maker.

7. For he . . . is our God; and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep . . . of his hand.

8. Glory to the Father, and . . . to the Son, and to the . . . Holy Spirit;

9. as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen


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MELODY 4

Give glory to God, our light and our life. Oh, come, let us worship him.

Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also his. The sea is his, for he made it;

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and his hands have molded the dry land. Oh, come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord, our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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.

Give glory to God, our light and our life. Oh, come, let us worship him.

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Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

2 For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler o’er all gods. It is God who holds the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the mountains also.

3 It is God who rules the seas, whose hands have molded the

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In the dry land. Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker.

4. For this great one is our God, who chooses a people and tends them, and whose hand will guide them like sheep. Oh, that today you would hearken to God's voice.

Invitatory

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

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The Psalm

Old Testament Canticle (Festivals Only)

The Second Psalm (Festivals Only)

Hymn (Optional)

The Readings*

Responsory/Antiphons (After each reading)

You have been born anew

through the living and abiding word of God.

Responsory/Antiphons (After the readings)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

Canticle of Zechariah*

TURN

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MELODY 1

1 Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
2 You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
3 Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
4 to show mercy to our forebears,
5 This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
6 free to worship you without fear,
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
8 to give God's people knowledge of salvation
9 In the tender compassion of our God
10 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

you have come to your people and set them free.
born of the house of your servant David. Refrain
from the hands of all who hate us,
and to remember your holy covenant.
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
holly and righteous before you, all the days of our life. Refrain
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
by the forgiveness of their sins.
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Refrain

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MELODY 2

BENEDICTUS
Morning Gospel Canticle

Steve Angrisano and Curtis Stephan

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MELODY 3

LUKE 1: BENEDICTUS
Bernadette Farrell


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Blessed Be the God of Israel

1 Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
2 With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
3 My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,

and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David’s tree,
the oath once sworn to Abram, from foes to save us all;
to tell God’s people they are saved from sin’s eternal sway.

So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
Then shall God’s mercy from on high shine forth and never cease

God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days,
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune
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Melody 5

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

... free to worship him without fear,
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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

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Prayers

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—
for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .
for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .
for the gifts of relationship with others . . .
for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Other thanksgivings may be added.

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—
for those who govern nations of the world . . .
for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .
for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .
for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .
for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Other intercessions may be added.

The following prayer and other appropriate prayers may be used.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer*

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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Blessing*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

Paschal Blessing (Festivles Only)

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Al - le - lu - ia.

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Son of man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them: “Why do you look for the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the

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You are God; we praise you. You are the Lord; we acclaim you.

You are the eternal Father; all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the pow’rs of heaven, cherubim and seraphim,
sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

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Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbound-ed; your true and only Son,
worthy of all worship; and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free, you did not spurn the virgin’s womb.

You overcame the sting of death, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God’s right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge. Come, then,

Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

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O God, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ forever, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Lord almighty bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in his peace. Amen

Closing

L The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.
L Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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