ELW Morning Prayer

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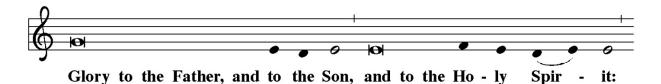
May 4, 2022 Commemoration of Monica, mother of Augustine

Dialogue and Doxology

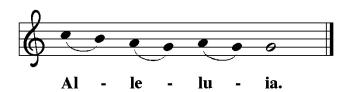




and my mouth shall pro-claim your praise.







Psalmody



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.

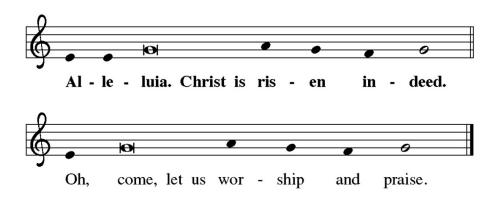
Refrain

In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your hands have molded the dry land.

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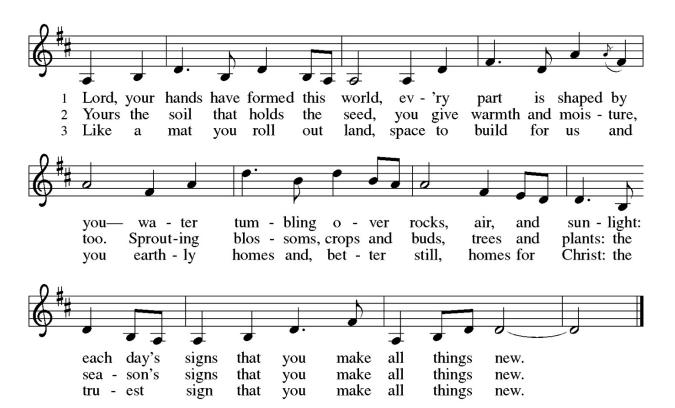
Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

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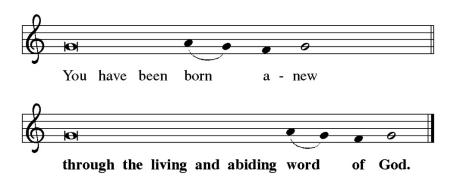
Hymn: Lord, Your Hands Have Formed

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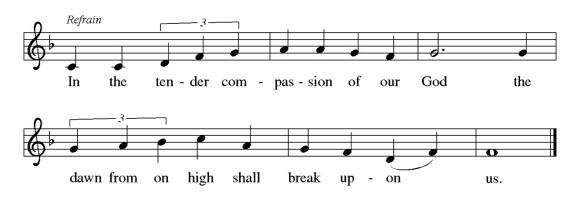


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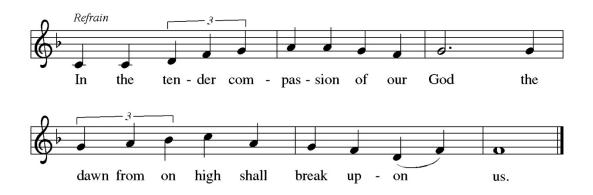
Dialogue



Gospel Canticle



Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.



Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.

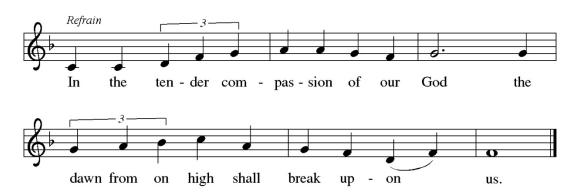
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

Refrain

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's 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.

Refrain:



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The Lord be with you.
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And also with you.

Let us pray.

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 . . .

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 . . .

Gracious God,

Thank you for the gift of this day.

Refresh me. Invite me to discover your presence

in each person that I meet

and every event that I encounter.

Teach me when to speak and when to listen,

when to ponder and when to share.

In moments of challenge and decision

attune my heart to the whisperings of your wisdom.

As I undertake ordinary and unnoticed tasks,

gift me with simple joy.

When my day goes well, may I rejoice.

When it grows difficult, surprise me with new possibilities.

When life is overwhelming, call me to Sabbath moments

to restore your peace and harmony.

May my living today reveal your goodness.

(from the Jesuit tradition)

Amen.

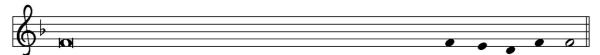
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Lord has taught us:



Blessing







Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



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Commemoration: Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.