

Incarnation – Christmas Day

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Psalmody

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Opening - from Psalm 85

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Psalm 89

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing;*
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 **For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;*
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- 3 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;*
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 **"I will establish your line for ever,*
and preserve your throne for all generations."**

- 5 The heavens bear witness to your wonders, O Lord,*
and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;
- 6 For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?***
who is like the Lord among the gods?
- 7 God is much to be feared in the council of the holy ones,*
great and terrible to all those round about him.
- 8 Who is like you, Lord God of hosts?***
O mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you.
- 9 You rule the raging of the sea*
and still the surging of its waves.
- 10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound;***
you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
- 11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours;*
you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.
- 12 You have made the north and the south;***
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.
- 13 You have a mighty arm;*
strong is your hand and high is your right hand.
- 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne;***
love and truth go before your face.
- 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout!*
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
- 16 They rejoice daily in your name;***
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength,*
and by your favour our might is exalted.
- 18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler;***
the Holy One of Israel is our king.

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Give us today our daily bread.

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

**Do not bring us to the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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- 1 The Lord is king; let the people tremble;*
he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 **The Lord is great in Zion;*
he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;*
he is the Holy One.
- 4 **'O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;*
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.'**

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- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;*
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,*
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;*
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 'O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;*
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.'**
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Lord our God, ruler of the universe, you love what is right. Lead us in your righteousness, that we may live to praise you, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar?*
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together,*
against the Lord and against his anointed?**
- 3 'Let us break their yoke,' they say;*
'let us cast off their bonds from us.'

- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;***
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath,*
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 'I myself have set my king***
upon my holy hill of Zion.'
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord;*
he said to me, 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance***
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod*
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.'
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise;***
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear,*
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish;***
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
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who take refuge in him!
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Ruler of heaven and earth, you sent your only Son into the world to be our Redeemer, and by raising him from the dead you gave him victory over all his enemies. Show us the power of your saving love and bring us to share in your eternal kingdom; though Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

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Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,*
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;*
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;*
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;*
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;*
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,*
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;*
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe*
and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord*
all are crying, 'Glory!'
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;*
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people;*
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God of mystery and power, open our eyes to the flame of your love, and open our ears to the thunder of your justice, that we may receive your gifts of blessing and peace, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Psalms 144

- 1 Blessed be the Lord my rock!*
who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to battle;
- 2 **My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer,*
my shield in whom I trust, who subdues the peoples under me.**
- 3 O Lord, what are we that you should care for us?*mere mortals that you should think of us?
- 4 **We are like a puff of wind;*our days are like a passing shadow.**

- 5 Bow your heavens, O Lord, and come down;*
touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
- 6 Hurl the lightning and scatter them;*
shoot out your arrows and rout them.**
- 7 Stretch out your hand from on high;*
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- 13 May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth,*
and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.
- 14 May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner of crops;*
may the flocks in our pastures increase
by thousands and tens of thousands;
may our cattle be fat and sleek.**
- 15 May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile,*
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as we forgive those who sin against us.**

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but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Lord, your name resounds with the event of love: as your flesh is marked with a sign of unbroken covenant, may we be blessed by the grace of your body, utterly human, mysteriously divine; through Jesus Christ, the name by which we are saved. **Amen.**

God most holy, we give you thanks for bringing us out of the shadow of night into the light of morning; and we ask you for the joy of spending this day in your service, so that when evening comes, we may once more give you thanks, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God!

The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil;
and bring us to life eternal. Amen.

Incarnation – The Epiphany

O Lord, open our lips:
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

Psalmody

Your justice dawns like morning light,
Its dawning is as sure as the sunrise.
(Hosea 6.3)

Opening - from Psalm 85

- 1 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,*
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people.
- 2 **Truly his salvation is very near to those who fear him,*
that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 3 Mercy and truth have met together;*
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 4 **Truth shall spring up from the earth,*
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

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

Psalm 72

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,*
and your righteousness to the king's son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously*
and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,*
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people;*
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,*
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,*
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;*
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 8 He shall rule from sea to sea,*
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**
- 9 His foes shall bow down before him,*
and his enemies lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,*
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him,*
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,*
and the oppressed who has no helper.**
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;*
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,*
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

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

Conclusion – from Isaiah 60

- 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come,*
the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- 2 For behold darkness shall cover the earth,*
thick darkness the peoples;**
- 3 but the Lord will arise upon you;*
God's glory will be seen upon you.

- 4 Nations shall come to your light;***
kings to the brightness of your rising.
- 5 The sun shall be no more your light by day;*
- nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night;
- 6 but the Lord will be your everlasting light,***
your God will be your glory.

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

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Readings

Silence

Response – from Psalm 119.130

When your word goes forth it give light.

When your word goes forth it gives light

It gives understanding to the simple.

It gives light.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

When your word goes forth it gives light

Benedictus

Glory to Christ
who is preached among the nations and believed on in the world.

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 Saviour,
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.

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.

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

Glory to Christ
who is preached among the nations and believed on in the world.

Prayers

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Shepherd of Israel and Light of the Nations, made known in the gifts of those who call to other names and walk on different ways: may unjust powers and the hatred with us be dismayed by your friendship and dethroned by your love; through Jesus Christ, the open arms of grace.
Amen.

God most holy, we give you thanks for bringing us out of the shadow of night into the light of morning; and we ask you for the joy of spending this day in your service, so that when evening comes, we may once more give you thanks, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

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