

PSALM 95 (Invitatory)

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD; *
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks; *
let us hail him with a song of praise.

A mighty God is the LORD, *
a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth; *
the heights of the mountains are his.
To him belongs the sea, for he made it, *
and the dry land that he shaped by his hand.

O come; let us bow and bend low. *
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people, *
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! †
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, *
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test; *
when they tried me, though they saw my work.

For forty years I abhorred that generation, †
and I said, ‘Their heart goes astray; *
this people does not know my ways.’
Then I took an oath in my anger, *
‘Never shall they enter my rest.’

TE DEUM (Office of Readings)

O God, we praise you; O Lord, we acclaim you.
Eternal Father, all the earth reveres you.
All the angels, the heavens and the Powers
of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim cry out to you in
endless praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are filled with the majesty of
your glory.

The glorious choir of Apostles sings to you,
the noble company of prophets praises you,
the white-robed army of martyrs glorifies you,
Holy Church throughout the earth proclaims you,
Father of boundless majesty,
with your true and only Son, worthy of adoration,
and the Holy Spirit, Paraclete.

You, O Christ, are the King of glory,
you are the Father’s everlasting Son;
when you resolved to save the human race,
you did not spurn the Virgin’s womb;
you overcame the sting of death
and opened wide the Kingdom of Heaven
to those who put their faith in you.
You are seated at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe you are the Judge who is to come.
And so we beg you, help your servants,
redeemed by your most precious blood.
Number them among your saints in eternal glory.

¶ *The following verses in italics may be omitted ad libitum:*

*Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.
Shepherd them and raise them to eternal life.
Day by day, we bless you
and praise your name for endless ages evermore.
Be gracious, Lord, on this day,
and keep us from all sin.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
have mercy.
May your mercy be upon us, Lord,
as we place our trust in you.
In you, O Lord, I rest my hope:
Let me never be put to shame.*

BENEDICTUS (Morning Prayer)

Blessed ✠ be the Lord God of Israel: *
for he has visited his people and redeemed them;
He has raised up for us a horn of salvation *
in the House of David his servant,

As he spoke through the mouth of his holy ones, *
his prophets from ages past:
To grant salvation from our foes, *
and from the hand of all who hate us,

Showing mercy to our fathers, *
remembering his holy covenant;
The oath he swore to Abraham our father, †
To grant that freed from the hand of our foes, *
we may serve him without fear
in holiness and righteousness *
all the days of our life.

And you, little child, will be called *
the Prophet of the Most High,
For you will go before the Lord *
to make ready his ways:
To grant knowledge of salvation to his people *
by the forgiveness of their sins;

Through the tender mercy of our God, *
the Dawn from on high will visit us,
To shine on those who sit in darkness, †
and those in the shadow of death; *
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

MAGNIFICAT (Evening Prayer)

My soul ✠ proclaims the greatness of the Lord, †
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, *
for he has looked upon his handmaid in her lowliness;
For behold, from this day forward, *
all generations will call me blessed.
For the Almighty has done great things for me, *
and holy is his name.
His mercy is from age to age *
for those who fear him.
He has made known the strength of his arm, *
and has scattered the proud in their conceit of heart.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones *
and has exalted those who are lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and has sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel, *
mindful of his mercy,
Even as he promised to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his descendants forever.

NUNC DIMITTIS (Night Prayer)

Now you ✠ dismiss your servant in peace, *
according to your word, O Master;
For my eyes have seen your salvation, *
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:
A light for revelation to the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.