



Metropolitan New York Synod
2023 ASSEMBLY

MORNING PRAYER: MATINS

Saturday in the Fourth Week of Easter

May 6, 2023 ✠ 8:30 am

Melville Marriott, Melville, New York

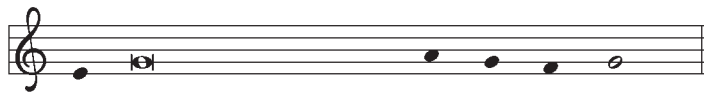


OPENING

The assembly stands.



Satisfy us in the morning with your stead - fast love, O God,



that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.



Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,



who gives us life, salvation, and res - ur - rec - tion.



Al - le - lu - ia.

PSALMODY



Al - le - luia. Christ is ris - en in - deed.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion. | Let us come be-fore God's



pres-ence with thanks-giv - ing and raise a loud shout to the



Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great



God, and a great rul - er a - bove all gods.

Refrain

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
 rock of our sal - va - tion. 2 In your hand are the
 cav - erns of the earth; the heights of the hills are al - so
 yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your
 hands have mold - ed the dry land.

Refrain

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
 rock of our sal - va - tion. 3 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.

Refrain

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the

rock of our sal - va - tion.

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Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

The assembly is seated.

PSALM 63:1-8

The psalm is read responsively.

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where
there is no water.

**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

**So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

A period of silence is kept, after which the appointed psalm prayer is said.

Let us pray.

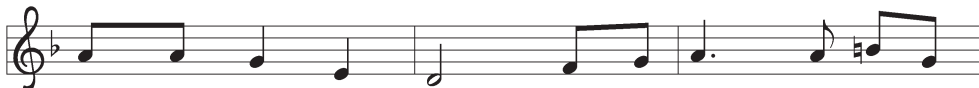
God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you
continue to fulfill your covenant promise to redeem the world from slavery and to lead
your people into the promised land.

**Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we
may live like Christ in our Communities and praise you forever; through
Christ, our Lord.**

HYMN



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er, you the sea.

Stanza 4

Living Water of salvation,
be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole.

WORD

READING ✦ JOHN 4:5-26

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

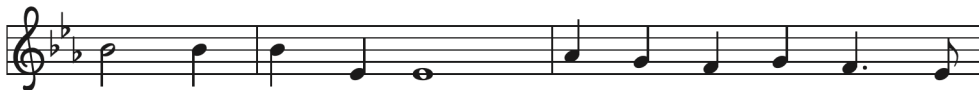
HYMN



1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,
2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,
3 Lift up your hearts, your great A - men;
4 Be - hold, the Spir - it here a - bides,



hear the liv - ing wa - ter flow: quench - ing
bold in plead - ing, bright with praise. Weep no
Mer - cy feeds her guests a - gain: bread e -
bear - ing God's a - bun - dant life: peace be -



spring and cleans - ing pool, heal - ing riv - er, clear and
more, your God has come; greet the wound - ed, ris - en
nough to break and share, fes - tive wine that scents the
tween you, love with - in, grace be - side you loos - 'ning



cool. How fresh it falls up -
One, who bless - es you with
air. Oh, taste and see what
sin. Be - lov - ed, Christ a -



on your face, stream - ing from the font of grace.
joy com - plete, dwell - ing in the Word of peace.
once was lost ris - ing in this feast of love.
mong you stands, mov - ing through your hearts and hands.

PRAYERS

Let us lift up our hearts in prayer.

A brief silence.

As today begins, we praise you for your power revealed in the resurrection.

Fill your church with this power of your love that is stronger than death.

Use us to tell good news wherever fear holds sway, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

Fill all of nature with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace.

Bless farmers as they plant their fields for the season of growth.

Cultivate our care for what you have made, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

O God, as you guided the Israelites to a new land by pillars of cloud and fire, now travel alongside all who seek safety from conflict or persecution and a better life.

Guide them to places of welcome and sanctuary.

Bring an end to war and tyrannical rule in the world, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

God of the nations, you desire justice in all lands.

Raise up leaders who encourage us to step away from fear and distrust and increase our desire for collaborative peace,

for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

O Lord, In the Bible we're inspired by women as leaders in the faith. With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life. With Ruth, we praise you for family and food. With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe. Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets.

Remembering the woman at the well, we seek your living water.

Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister. With the daughter of Jairus, we wake up to your touch. Send your Spirit on us, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace.

Give your church a sense of joy and wonder in exploring new avenues in mission and discipleship,

for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

God of new life, you welcome the faithful dead with open arms and the assurance of new life. **We give thanks for those shepherds and servants from our Synod who have died and rejoice that they have found rest in you,**

for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant mercy.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

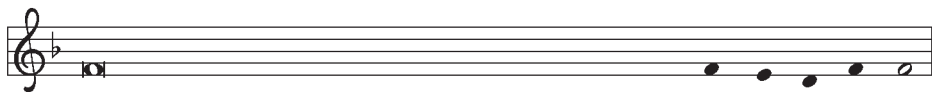
BLESSING



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



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



A - men.

HYMN



1 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All share a sign of peace.

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