

1: Let the earth bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt Him above all for
ever.
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord.
Everything growing from the earth,
bless the Lord.
You springs, bless the Lord.
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord.
You dolphins and all water
creatures, bless the Lord.
All you birds of the air, bless the
Lord.
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless
the Lord.
You sons of men, bless the Lord.

2: O Israel, bless the Lord.
Praise and exalt Him above all for
ever.
Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Servants of the Lord, bless the
Lord.
Spirits and souls of the just, bless
the Lord.
Holy men of humble heart, bless the
Lord.
Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless
the Lord.
Praise and exalt Him above all for
ever.

A: Let us bless the Father, and the
Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Let us praise and exalt Him above
all for ever.
Blessed are You, Lord, in the
firmament of Heaven,
praiseworthy and glorious and
exalted above all for ever.

A: Ant. From the midst of the flames
the three young men cried out
with one voice: Blessed be God!
Alleluia!

P: Ant. 3 Let the people of Zion
rejoice in their King. Alleluia!

Psalm 149

1: Sing a new song to the Lord,
His praise in the assembly of the
faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,
let Zion's sons exult in their King.
Let them praise His name with
dancing
and make music with timbrel and
harp.

2: For the Lord takes delight in His
people.
He crowns the poor with salvation.
Let the faithful rejoice in their
glory,
shout for joy and take their rest.
Let the praise of God be on their
lips
and a two-edged sword in their hand,

1: to deal out vengeance to the
nations
and punishment to all the peoples;
to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles in fetters of iron;
to carry out the sentence
pre-ordained;
this honour is for all His faithful.

2: Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

1: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

P: Psalm-prayer

Let Israel rejoice in You, Lord,
and acknowledge You as Creator and
Redeemer. We put our trust in Your
faithfulness and proclaim the
wonderful truths of salvation. May
Your loving kindness embrace us now
and forever.

A: Ant. Let the people of Zion
rejoice in their King. Alleluia!

R: READING

Rv 7:9-12

After this I saw before me a huge
crowd that no one could count from
every nation and race, people and
tongue. They stood before the throne
and the Lamb, dressed in long white
robes and holding palm branches in
their hands. They cried out in loud
voices, "Salvation is from our God,
Who is seated on the throne, and
from the Lamb!" All the angles who
were standing around the throne and
the elders and the four living
creatures fell down before the
throne to worship God. They said,
"Amen! Praise and glory, wisdom and
thanksgiving and honour, power and
might, to our God forever and ever.
Amen!"

The word of the Lord
A: *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORY

P: Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.
A: *Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.*
P: You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
A: *have mercy on us.*
P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
A: *Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.*

STAND

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH Lk 1:68-79

P: Ant. The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

1: † Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
He has come to His people and set them free.

2: He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of His servant David.

1: Through His holy prophets He promised of old
that He would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

2: He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember His holy covenant.

1: This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship Him without fear,
holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.

2: 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.

1: 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.

2: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

1: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A: Ant. The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

INTERCESSIONS

P: Christ is the sun that never sets, the true light that shines on every man.

Let us call out to Him in praise:

A: *Lord, You are our life and our salvation.*

P: Creator of the stars, we thank You for Your gift, the first rays of the dawn,

A: *and we commemorate Your resurrection.*

P: May Your Holy Spirit teach us to do Your will today,

A: *and may Your Wisdom guide us always.*

P: Each Sunday, give us the joy of gathering as Your people

A: *around the table of Your word and Your Body.*

P: From our hearts, we thank You

A: *for Your countless blessings.*

A: 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. Amen.

P: PRAYER

Let us pray:
Almighty and ever-living God,
our source of power and inspiration,
give us strength and joy
in serving You as followers of Christ,
Who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

A: *Amen.*

CONCLUSION

P: The Lord be with you.

A: *And with your spirit.*

P: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

A: *Amen.*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

A: *Thanks be to God.*