

**Invitatory** – Psalm 67

Reader: You must know that God is offering his salvation to all the world.

**(All repeat)**

Left: O God, be gracious and bless us, And let your face shed its light upon us.

Right: So will your ways be known upon earth, And all nations learn your saving help.

Left: Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you.

Right: Let the nations be glad and exult, For you rule the world with justice.

Left: With fairness you rule the peoples, You guide the nations on earth.

Right: Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you.

Left: The earth has yielded its fruit, For God, our God, has blessed us.

Right: May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

**Morning Prayer**

Reader: God, come to my assistance.

**All: Lord, make haste to help me.**

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Hymn** – “Mary’s Song”, verses 1 and 2 -- BB #693

**Psalm** – *Psalm 8, Praise for God’s Loving Compassion*

Reader: How great is your name, O Lord our God,  
through all the earth!

Your majesty is praised above the heavens;  
on the lips of children and of babes  
you have found praise to foil your enemy,  
to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honor you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hands,  
put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God  
through all the earth!

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### **Psalm-prayer**

Reader: Almighty Lord, how wonderful is your name. You have made every creature subject to you; make us worthy to give you service.

All: How wonderful is your name, O Lord, in all creation.

### **Reading** -- Romans 12:14-16a

Reader: Bless your persecutors; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same attitude toward all. Put away ambitious thoughts and associate with those who are lowly.

*[Sacred Silence – a moment to reflect and receive in our hearts the full resonance of the voice of the Holy Spirit and to unite our personal prayer more closely with the word of God and public voice of the Church.]*

### **Responsory**

Reader: It is my joy, O God, to praise you with song.

All: It is my joy, O God, to praise you with song.

Reader: To sing as I ponder your goodness

All: to praise you with song.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All: It is my joy, O God, to praise you with song.

## **Canticle of Zechariah**

Antiphon:

**All: Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.**

*Luke 1:68 – 79 -- The Messiah and his forerunner*

Left: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.

Right: Through his holy prophets he promised of old  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.

Left: 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.

Right: 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.

Left: 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.

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

**All: Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace.**

### **Intercessions**

*Reader:* Let us glorify our Savior, who chose the Virgin Mary for his mother. Let us ask him:  
May your mother intercede for us, Lord. (Pause)

*Sun of Justice, the immaculate Virgin was the white dawn announcing your rising,*

**All:** Grant that we may always live in the light of your coming.

*Reader:* Eternal Word, you chose Mary as the uncorrupted ark of your dwelling place,

**All:** Free us from the corruption of sin.

*Reader:* Savior of mankind, your mother stood at the foot of your cross,

**All:** Grant, through her intercession, that we may rejoice to share in your passion.

*Reader:* With ultimate generosity and love, you gave Mary as a mother to your beloved disciple,

**All:** Help us to live as worthy children of so noble a mother.

### **Concluding Prayer**

*Reader:* Lord, we praise you with our lips,  
and with our lives and hearts.

Our very existence is a gift from you;

to you we offer all that we have and are.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

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### **Dismissal**

*Reader:* May the Lord bless us,  
protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** Amen.