

Morning Prayer

Feast of St Andrew



BEGINNING THE OFFICE

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

PSALM 62 (63)

THIRSTING FOR GOD

“Let the man who has put away the deeds of the night watch for God.”

*Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter,
was one of the two who followed the Lord.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

**For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

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DANIEL 3:57-88,56

ALL CREATURES, BLESS THE LORD

“Praise our God, all you his servants” (Rev 19:5).

*The Lord loved Andrew:
he accepted him like a fragrant offering.*

O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, the heavens of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, clouds of the sky, O bless the Lord.
And you, all armies of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord.
And you, the stars of the heavens, O bless the Lord.
And you, showers and rain, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, all you breezes and winds, O bless the Lord.
And you, fire and heat, O bless the Lord.
And you, cold and heat, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, showers and dew, O bless the Lord.
And you, frosts and cold, O bless the Lord.
And you, frost and snow, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, night-time and day, O bless the Lord.

And you, darkness and light, O bless the Lord.

And you, lightning and clouds, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, mountains and hills, O bless the Lord.

And you, all plants of the earth, O bless the Lord.

And you, fountains and springs, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord.

And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord.

And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord.

And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, children of men, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O Israel, bless the Lord, O bless the Lord.

And you, priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord.

And you, servants of the Lord, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, spirits and souls of the just, O bless the Lord.

And you, holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.

Ananias, Azarias, Mizaël, O bless the Lord.

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

Let us praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit:

To you be highest glory and praise for ever.

May you be blessed, O Lord, in the heavens:

To you be highest glory and praise for ever.

The Lord loved Andrew:

he accepted him like a fragrant offering.

PSALM 149

THE SAINTS REJOICE

“The members of the Church, God’s new people, will rejoice in their king, who is Christ” (Hesychius).

Andrew said to Simon, his brother:

‘We have found the Messiah,’ and he brought him to Jesus.

Sing a new song to the Lord,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,
let Sion’s sons exult in their king.
Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music with timbrel and harp.

**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,**

**to deal out vengeance to the nations
and punishment on 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.**

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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world without end. Amen.**

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GOSPEL OF THE DAY

MATTHEW 4:18-22

As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

SHORT RESPONSORY

You will make them rulers over all the land.

- You will make them rulers over all the land.

Your name, Lord, will be remembered.

- You will make them rulers over all the land.

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

- You will make them rulers over all the land.

BENEDICTUS

THE MESSIAH AND THE ONE WHO WAS SENT BEFORE HIM

*Hail, precious Cross: receive the disciple of my Master,
Jesus Christ, who hung upon you.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour
in the house of David his servant,
as he promised by the lips of holy men,
those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes,
from the hands of all who hate us.
So his love for our fathers is fulfilled
and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,
that free from fear,
and saved from the hands of our foes,
we might serve him in holiness and justice
all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child,
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lord
to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation
through forgiveness of all their sins,
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God
who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness,
those who dwell in the shadow of death,
and guide us into the way of peace.

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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

Since we have received from the apostles our heavenly inheritance, let us thank our Father for all his blessings.

– Lord, the apostles sing your praises.

Praise to you Lord God, for the gift of Christ's body and blood, handed on by the apostles, to give us strength and life;

– Lord, the apostles sing your praises.

For the table of your word, served by the apostles, to bring us light and joy;

– Lord, the apostles sing your praises.

For your holy Church, built on the apostles, to make us all one body;

– Lord, the apostles sing your praises.

For the washing of baptism and penance, entrusted to the apostles, to cleanse our hearts from sin;

– Lord, the apostles sing your praises.

**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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God,

you called Saint Andrew, your apostle,

to preach the gospel and to guide your Church.

We humbly pray

that he may always plead for us in your presence.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the

Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONCLUSION OF THE HOUR

The Lord bless us and keep us from all evil,

and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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