

WEDNESDAY, WEEK II

Morning Prayer

HYMN, 1337.

Fulgentis auctor aetheris. (L.M.)

Fulgéntis auctor ætheris,
qui lunam lumen nóctibus,
solem diérum cúrsibus
certo fundásti trámite,

Nox atra iam depéllitur,
mundi nitor renáscitur,
novúsque iam mentis vigor
dulces in actus érgit.

Laudes sonáre iam tuas
dies relátus ádmonet,
vultúsque cæli blándior
nostra serénat péctora.

Vitémus omne lúblicam,
declínet prava spíritus,
vitam facta non ínquinent,
linguam culpa non ímplicet;

Sed, sol diem dum cóncifit,
fides profúnda férveat,
spes ad promíssa próvocet,
Christo coniúngat cáritas.

Præsta, Pater piíssime,
Patrique compar Unice,
cum Spíritu Paráclito
regnans per omne sæculum. Amen.

Creator of the skies above,
The wisdom of your plan decreed
That sun should give us light by day,
And moon should rule the hours of night.

The darkness is dispelled at last,
The world's great beauty is revealed;
Our strength of soul is now renewed
To spur us on to kindly deeds.

Returning day call us to prayer,
And bids us sing your praise anew;
The bright'ning aspect of the sky
Gives courage and serenity.

May we avoid all stain of sin,
No evil mar our thoughts this day,
No sinful action spoil our lives,
No wrong or idle words offend.

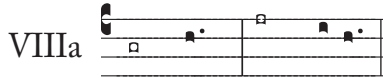
But while the sun draws on the day,
May our weak faith grow strong and sure
With hope that presses to the goal,
And love unites us all to Christ.

O Father, this we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son,
Whom in the Spirit we adore:
One God who reigns for evermore. Amen.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 O God, all your ways are *holy*; * what god can compare with *our* God?

Easter: The waters saw you, O God; † you led your people through the *sea*, * *alleluia*.



Psalm 77

Recalling God's works

We suffer all kinds of afflictions and yet are not overcome (2 Corinthians 4:8).

I cry aloud to God, † cry aloud to God that he may *hear* me. * In the day of my distress I sought *the* Lord. My hands were raised at night without *ceasing*; * my soul refused to be *consoled*.

I remembered my God and I *groaned*. * I pondered and my *spirit* fainted. You withheld sleep from my *eyes*. * I was troubled, I could *not* speak. I thought of the days of long ago * and remembered the years *long* past. At night I mused within my *heart*. * I pondered and my *spirit* questioned. "Will the Lord reject us for *ever*? *"

Will he show us his favor *no* more? Has his love vanished for *ever*? * Has his promise come to *an* end? Does God forget his *mercy* * or in anger withhold his *compassion*?" I said: "This is what causes my *grief*, * that the way of the Most High *has* changed."

I remember the deeds of the *Lord*, * I remember your wonders *of* old, I muse on all your *works* * and ponder

your mighty deeds. Your ways, O God, are *holy*. * What god is great as *our* God? You are the God who works *wonders*. * You showed your power among *the* peoples. Your strong arm redeemed your *people*, * the sons of Jacob *and* Joseph. The waters saw you, O *God*, * the waters saw you *and* trembled; the depths were moved with *terror*. * The clouds poured *down* rain, the skies sent forth their *voice*; * your arrows flashed to *and* fro. Your thunder rolled around the *sky*, * your flashes lighted up *the* world. The earth was moved and *trembled* * when your way led through *the* sea, your path through the mighty *waters*, * and no one saw *your* footprints. You guided your people like a *flock* * by the hand of Moses *and* Aaron. Glory to the Father, and to the *Son*, * and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is *now*, * and will be for ever. *Amen*.

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CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Antiphon Let us serve the *Lord* in holiness * all the days of *our* life.

INTERCESSIONS (VI F)

Blessèd be God our savior, who promised to remain with his Church all days,
until the end *of* the world. * Let us give him thanks *and* call out:

Remain with us, Lord.

Remain with us the *whole* day, Lord,

— let your grace be a sun that *never* sets.

We dedicate this day to you *as* an offering,

— do not let us offer anything *that* is evil.

May your gift of light pervade *this* whole day,

— that we may be the salt of the earth and the light *of* the world.

May the love of your Holy Spirit direct our hearts *and* our lips,

— and may we always act in accordance *with* your will.

Our Father...

Prayer

Lord,

as a new day dawns

send the radiance of your light

to shine in our hearts.

Make us true to your teaching;

keep us free from error and sin.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

