



SATURDAY MORNING HYMNS & PRAYER

17th December 2022

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

When the King shall come again, all his pow'r revealing;
splendour shall announce his reign, life and joy and healing:
earth no longer in decay, hope no more frustrated;
this is God's redemption day longingly awaited.

In the desert trees take root, fresh from God's creation;
plants and flow'rs and sweetest fruit join the celebration,
rivers spring up from the earth, barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth; mountains, greet the morning!

Strengthen feeble hands and knees, fainting hearts be cheerful!
God, who comes for such as these seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears hear, the silent tongues sing away their weeping;
blind eyes, see the lifeless ones walking, running, leaping.

Responsorial Psalm

*Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.*

COMMUNION RELECTION

Christ is the heav'nly food that gives to eve'ry famished soul
new life and strength, new joy and hope and faith to make them
whole.

We all are made for God alone, without whom we are dead;
no food suffices for the soul but Christ, the living bread.

Christ is the unity that binds in one the near and far;
for we who share his life divine his living body are.

On earth and in the realms beyond, one fellowship are we;
and at his table we are knit in mystic unity.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Gentle Virgin Mother, blest above all other,
guiding star of ocean, lead us to salvation.

Now with Gabriel's blessing, we, your grace confessing,
offer you our greeting, for your peace entreating.

Break the bonds that chain us, heav'nly mercy gain us,
free us from our blindness in your loving kindness.

Teach us, maiden lowly, to be pure and holy,
So by your endeavour we rejoice for ever.

Saturday Morning Marian Prayer

*Holy Virgin, I beg you:
enable me to receive Jesus from the Spirit,
according to the same process
by which you bore him.
May my soul possess Christ,
thanks to the Spirit
through whom you conceived Christ.*

*May the grace to know Jesus
be granted to me through the Spirit
who enabled you to know how
to possess Jesus and bring him forth.*

*May my littleness show forth
the greatness of Christ
in virtue of the spirit
in whom you recognised yourself
as the handmaid of the Lord,
desiring that it be done to you
according to the word of the angel.*

*May I love Christ in the spirit
in whom you adored him as your Lord
and looked after him as your son.*

AMEN



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