



Hymn and Psalm for Morning
Prayer on 20th September

Hymn

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in
the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up
your voices: the Lord is near, lift up
your voices: the Lord is near

Repeated x2

Psalm 119: 153-end

153 O consider my affliction and
deliver me, ♦ for I do not forget
your law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem
me; ♦ according to your promise,
give me life.

155 Salvation is far from the
wicked, ♦ for they do not seek your
statutes.

156 Great is your compassion, O
Lord; ♦ give me life, according to
your judgements.

157 Many there are that persecute
and oppress me, ♦ yet do I not
swerve from your testimonies.

158 It grieves me when I see the
treacherous, ♦ for they do not keep
your word.

159 Consider, O Lord, how I love
your commandments; ♦ give me life
according to your loving-kindness.

160 The sum of your word is
truth, ♦ and all your righteous
judgements endure for evermore.

161 Princes have persecuted me
without a cause, ♦ but my heart
stands in awe of your word.

162 I am as glad of your word ♦ as
one who finds great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor
them, ♦ but your law do I love.

Glory to...

164 Seven times a day do I praise you, ♦ because of your righteous judgements.

165 Great peace have they who love your law; ♦ nothing shall make them stumble.

166 Lord, I have looked for your salvation ♦ and I have fulfilled your commandments.

167 My soul has kept your testimonies ♦ and greatly have I loved them.

168 I have kept your commandments and testimonies, ♦ for all my ways are before you.

169 Let my cry come before you, O Lord; ♦ give me understanding, according to your word.

170 Let my supplication come before you; ♦ deliver me, according to your promise.

171 My lips shall pour forth your praise, ♦ when you have taught me your statutes.

172 My tongue shall sing of your word, ♦ for all your commandments are righteous.

173 Let your hand reach out to help me, ♦ for I have chosen your commandments.

174 I have longed for your salvation, O Lord, ♦ and your law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live and it shall praise you, ♦ and let your judgements be my help.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; ♦ O seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

20/9 Morning Prayer First Reading Isaiah 45.9–22

Woe to you who strive with your Maker, earthen vessels with the potter!
Does the clay say to the one who fashions it, 'What are you making?'
or 'Your work has no handles'?

Woe to anyone who says to a father, 'What are you begetting?' or to a woman,
'With what are you in labour?'

Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker:

Will you question me about my children, or command me concerning the work
of my hands? I made the earth, and created humankind upon it;
it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host.
I have aroused Cyrus in righteousness, and I will make all his paths straight;
he shall build my city and set my exiles free, not for price or reward, says
the Lord of hosts.

Thus says the Lord: The wealth of Egypt and the merchandise of Ethiopia,
and the Sabeans, tall of stature, shall come over to you and be yours, they shall
follow you; they shall come over in chains and bow down to you.

They will make supplication to you, saying,

'God is with you alone, and there is no other; there is no god besides him.'

Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.

All of them are put to shame and confounded, the makers of idols go in
confusion together.

But Israel is saved by the Lord with everlasting salvation; you shall not be put to
shame or confounded to all eternity.

For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the
earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it a chaos, he formed it to
be inhabited!):

I am the Lord, and there is no other. I did not speak in secret, in a land of
darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob,

'Seek me in chaos.' I the Lord speak the truth, I declare what is right.

Assemble yourselves and come together, draw near, you survivors of the
nations! They have no knowledge— those who carry about their wooden idols,
and keep on praying to a god that cannot save.

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together!

Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old?

Was it not I, the Lord? There is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Saviour; there is no one besides me.

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.

20/9 Morning Prayer Second Reading Revelation 14.1–5

I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion! And with him were one hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder; the voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, and they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the one hundred forty-four thousand who have been redeemed from the earth. It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins; these follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They have been redeemed from humankind as first fruits for God and the Lamb, and in their mouth no lie was found; they are blameless.