The Canticles in Morning Prayer

There are 'little songs' found in other parts of the scriptures. These are called canticles. The canticles in Morning Prayer are enriched with an event from the day but celebrated as the Canticle of Night Prayer, the prophecy of Simeon. It is witnessed by Mary & Joseph heart to Heart embraces the gift of God's mercy.

If you remember the week begins with Sunday Evening Prayer I. The canticles are listed from Sunday to Saturday.

Canticles Morning Prayer Week I

Daniel 3:57-88, 56 Let all creatures praise the Lord All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5).

1 Chronicles 29:10-13
Glory and honor are due to God alone
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ (Ephesians 1:3).

Tobit 13:1-8
God afflicts but only to heal
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who in his great love for us has brought us
to a new birth (1Peter 1:3).

Judith 16:2-3a, 13-15 God who created the world takes care of his people They were singing a new song (Revelation 5:9).

Jeremiah 31:10-14
The happiness of a people who have been redeemed

Jesus was to die, to gather God's scattere

Jesus was to die...to gather God's scattered children into one fold (John 11: 51,52)



Isaiah 45: 15-25

People of all nations will become disciples of the Lord

Every knee shall bend at the name of Jesus (Philippians 2:10)

Exodus 15:1-4a, 8-13, 17-18

Hymn of victory after crossing the Red Sea Those who had conquered the beast were singing the song of Moses, God's servant (see Revelation 15: 2-3).

Canticles Morning Prayer Week II

Daniel 3:52-57

Let all creatures praise the Lord

The Creator . . . is blessed forever (Romans 1:25).

Sirach 36: 1-5,10-13

Prayer of entreaty for the holy city, Jerusalem *This life is eternal: to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent* (John 17:3).

Isaiah 38:10-14, 17-20

Anguish of a dying man and joy in his restoration *I am living, I was dead. . . and I hold the keys of death* (Revelation 1:17-18).



1 Samuel 2:1-10

The humble find joy in God

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things (Luke 1:52-53).

Isaiah 12:1-6 Joy of God's ransomed people If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink John 7: 37).

Habakkuk 3:2-4, 13a, 15-19 God comes to judge Lift up your heads for your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:28).

Deuteronomy 32:1-12 God's kindness to his people

How often I have longed to gather your children as a hen gathers her brood under her wing (Matthew 23:37).

Canticles Morning Prayer Week III

Daniel 3:57-88, 56 Let all creatures praise the Lord All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5).



Isaiah 2:2-5

The mountains of the Lord's dwelling towers above every mountain

All peoples shall come and worship in your presence (Revelation 15:4).

Isaiah 26:1-4, 7-9, 12

Hymn after the defeat of the enemy

The city wall has twelve foundation stones (see Revelation 21:14).

Isaiah 33:13-16

God's flawless judgment

What God has promised is for you, for your children, and for those still far away (Acts 2:39).

Isaiah 40:10-17

The Good Shepherd: God Most high and most wise See, I come quickly; I have my reward in hand (Revelation 22:12).

Jeremiah 14:17-21

The lament of the people in war and famine

The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe
the Good News (Mark 1:4).

Wisdom 9:1-6, 9-11 Lord, give me wisdom

I will inspire you with wisdom which your adversaries will be unable to resist uke 21:15).



Canticles Morning Prayer Week IV

Daniel 3:52-57

Let all creatures praise the Lord

The Creator. . . is blessed for ever (Romans 1:25).

Isaiah 42:10-16

God victor and savior

They were singing a new hymn before the throne of God (Revelation 14:3).

Daniel 3:26, 27, 29, 34-41

Azariah's prayer in the furnace

With your whole heart turn to God and he will blot out all your sins (Acts 3:19)

Isaiah 61:10-62:5

The prophet's joy in the vision of a new Jerusalem I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, with the beauty of a bride adorned for her husband (Revelation 21:2)

Isaiah 66:10-14a

Joys of heaven

The heavenly Jerusalem is a free woman and our mother (Galatians 4:26).

Tobit 13:8-11' 13-15

Thanksgiving for the people's deliverance

He showed me the holy city Jerusalem which shone with the glory of God (Revelation 21:10-11)



Ezekiel 36:24-2

The Lord will renew his people

They will be his own people and God himself will be with them, their own God (Revelation 21:30

COMMONS

The Psalms and Canticle for the section on the Commons are all taken from Sunday Morning Week I

You will find the canticle for Sundays all four weeks are taken from Daniel.

Solemnities and Feast days will also use the Morning Prayer Sunday Week I Psalms and Canticle.

Canticle for The Office for the Dead Isaiah 38:10-14, 17-20

You may note after the Office of the Dead is the beginning of the APPENDICES. Included in Appendix I are Canticles and Gospel Readings. These are used for extended vigils for the Office of Readings, Sundays, saints, solemnities. Directions or rubrics for their use may be found at the beginning of that section.



From the Council Father and even back to the earliest days of the Church, the Liturgy of the Hours has been called a 'school of prayer.'

We certainly see this in the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They knew and pondered all these canticles and were part of their everyday life, guiding their thoughts and actions, fulfilling the Father's Will.

These inspired 'little songs' are meant to do the same for our lives.

As we have received the Liturgy of the Hours with our consecration it is our invitation as to do the same.

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