

Joy Comes in the Morning

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.

³O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.

⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.

⁵For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a | lifetime.*

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the | morning.

⁶As for me, I said in my pros- | perity,*
“I shall nev- | er be moved.”

⁷By your favor, O LORD,
you made my mountain | stand strong;*
you hid your face;
I | was dismayed.

⁸To you, O | LORD, I cry,*
and to the Lord I plead for | mercy:

⁹“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down | to the pit?*

Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your | faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be merci- | ful to me!*
O LORD, be my | helper!”

¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;*
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with | gladness,

¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not be | silent.*
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:17–24

Elijah Raises the Widow's Son

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²²And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." ²⁴And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Gradual

Psalm 102:15–16

Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,*
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.
For the LORD builds up | Zion;*
he appears in his | glory.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:13–21

¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11–17

Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

¹¹Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "**Do not weep.**" ¹⁴Then

he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, **“Young man, I say to you, arise.”** ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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