

**Introit***Psalm 86:1, 7, 12–13; antiphon: vv. 3, 5*

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*  
 for to you do I cry | all the day.  
 For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,\*  
 abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.  
 Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,\*  
 for I am poor and | needy.  
 In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,\*  
 for you | answer me.  
 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,\*  
 and I will glorify your name for- | ever.  
 For great is your steadfast | love toward me; \*  
 you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
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**Old Testament Reading***1 Kings 17:17–24***Elijah Raises the Widow's Son**

<sup>17</sup>After 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. <sup>18</sup>And 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!" <sup>19</sup>And 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. <sup>20</sup>And 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?" <sup>21</sup>Then 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.” <sup>22</sup>And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup>And 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.” <sup>24</sup>And 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.”

## Psalm

*Psalm 30; antiphon: v. 5b*



### Joy Comes in the Morning

- <sup>1</sup>I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up\*  
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.
- <sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.
- <sup>3</sup>O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*  
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.
- <sup>4</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.
- <sup>5</sup>For 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.
- <sup>6</sup>As for me, I said in my pros- | perity,\*  
“I shall nev- | er be moved.”
- <sup>7</sup>By your favor, O LORD,  
you made my mountain | stand strong;\*  
you hid your face;  
I | was dismayed.
- <sup>8</sup>To you, O | LORD, I cry,\*  
and to the Lord I plead for | mercy:
- <sup>9</sup>“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?

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and be merci- | ful to me!\*

O LORD, be my | helper!”

<sup>11</sup>You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*

you have loosed my sackcloth

and clothed me with | gladness,

<sup>12</sup>that my glory may sing your praise and not be | silent.\*

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

## Epistle

*Ephesians 3:13–21*

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

### Prayer for Spiritual Strength

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## Verse of the Day

*Psalm 115:11*

Alleluia. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 7:11–17*

### Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

<sup>11</sup>Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup>As 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. <sup>13</sup>And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, **“Do not weep.”** <sup>14</sup>Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, **“Young man, I say to you, arise.”** <sup>15</sup>And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” <sup>17</sup>And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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