

MORNING PRAYER

Monday, June 22, 2026

Opening Dialogue and Doxology

Fr. Jan Michael Joncas

Opening Hymn

“I Bind unto Myself Today”* ST. PATRICK’S BREASTPLATE

[I BIND UNTO MYSELF TODAY || TUNE : ST. PATRICK & DEIRDRE](#) – YouTube Recording by
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Music: ST. PATRICK’S BREASTPLATE by Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Text: Attr. Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Alexander (1818-1895)

Morning Psalm 135

“Open Your Mouth and Praise the Lord!”* OPEN YOUR MOUTH

Music: Yoruba folk melody; adpt. Godwin Sadoh, 2005; arr. Greg Scheer, 2008

Text: Godwin Sadoh, 2005

Scripture Reading

A reading from Romans 3:21-31

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Canticle

Canticle of Zechariah – Benedictus FOREST GREEN

“Now Bless the God of Israel”*

Text: Ruth Duck (b. 1947); Tune: FOREST GREEN by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Intercessions**

We praise you, God our creator, for your handiwork in shaping and sustaining your wondrous creation. Especially we thank you for

...the miracle of life and the wonder of living. . .

...particular blessings coming to us in this day of beginnings together. . .

...the gifts of creative vision and skillful craft. . .

...the treasure stored in every human life. . .

We dare to pray for others, God our Savior, claiming your love in Jesus Christ for the whole world, committing ourselves to care for those around us in his name. Especially we pray for. . .

...those who work for the benefit of others. . .

. . .those who teach and those who learn. . .

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, be our starting point and our haven, and accompany us in this day's journey. Use our hands, hearts and voices to do the work of your creation, and use our lives to bring others the new life you give this world in Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all.

Amen. Now, as Christ has taught us to pray. . .

Our Father. . . Plainsong, adpt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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Dismissal

The grace of God be with us all, now and always. **Amen.**

Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**

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