



SATURDAY MORNING **HYMNS & PRAYER**

1st June 2024

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sing we now the glorious martyrs,
faithful, fallen, raised on high.
Strong they stood, in ranks of courage,
loath to live if truth must die.

Grant to us, O God, their wisdom
that could dare to choose the cross,
Christ their one and only treasure
all else, even life, no loss.

Keep alight upon our hilltops,
lamps like these, set high apart,
flames of faith no night can vanquish,
beacons for the faint of heart.

Let them burn with such an ardour
that the very dark must quail.
Faced with love so all consuming
death itself cannot prevail.

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Responsorial Psalm

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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COMMUNION REFLECTION

We rejoice to be God's chosen, not through virtue, work or skill,
but because God's love is gen'rous, unconformed to human will.
And because God's love is restless, like the surging of the sea,
we are pulled by heav'n's dynamic to become, not just to be.

We rejoice to be God's chosen, to be gathered to God's side,
not to build a pious ghetto or be steeped in selfish pride;
but to celebrate the goodness of the One who sets us free
from the smallness of our vision to become, not just to be.

We rejoice to be God's chosen, to align with heav'n's intent,
to await where we are summoned and accept where we are sent.
We rejoice to be God's chosen and, amidst all that we see,
to anticipate with wonder that the best is yet to be.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sing we of the blessed Mother who received the angel's word,
and obedient to the summons bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary at whose breast that child was fed,
who is Son of God eternal and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus she his weight of suf-fring knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour reigning high on Calv'ry's tree,
saw the price of our redemption paid to set the sinner free.

Sing the greatest joy of Mary when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation brought her to his heav'nly home:
virgin Mother, Mary blessed, raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer, grant us all to see his face.

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MARIAN PRAYER

Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia:
The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world
through the resurrection of Your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech You,
that through the intercession of the
Virgin Mary, His Mother,
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.