



### **Morning Prayer**

**My soul's clearest Light, my morning's brightest star  
O Christ, come to greet me now in this sacred hour.**

**I waken to you, my Love, my brightest day  
to a day better spent with you than a thousand far away.**

**Come to me, my God. O Christ to you I pray  
Come meet my waiting soul in this first light of day.**

**I wait and watch for you to dawn upon my heart.  
O Christ, fill me with your light; your glorious grace impart.**

**I rise with you, my glorious morning light,  
Christ, my rising sun, you turn my night to day.**

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#### **Reading:**

**O eternal solstice, happy fields where joy securely dwells, containing all manner of delights, paradise of bliss that never cloys, where flows a stream of inestimable pleasure! Blossoms and spring flowers of every kind and hue gladden the sight; one is moved softly by sweet harmonies, sweetly influenced, rather by the melodies of spiritual songs and music; revived by the aromatic odors of life-enhancing perfumes; intoxicated by sweet savors interiorly tasted; one is wonderfully changed by gentle and secret embraces!**

*(Herald of Divine Love)*

#### **God's Word to Gertrude Authorizing her Writing:**

**If anyone devoutly bent on spiritual growth, longs to read this book, I shall draw her so closely to myself that she shall read it as if my own hands held the book and I**

shall keep her company at that task. When two people read the same page, each is aware of the other's breath. In the same way I shall breathe in the breath of his longings, which will make the womb of my loving kindness have mercy on him. In addition, I shall breathe into her the breath of my divine nature which by means of my spirit, will create her anew within" (*Herald* (I. 3-4)

### **Psalm 26**

**Speak on my behalf, O Beloved, for I would choose the path of wholeness, trusting in your love without reserve. May my heart be as your Heart; may my mind be as your Mind, as your steadfast love guides me--as I live in faithfulness to You.**

**I walk with friends of integrity, and associate with those who live in truth;  
I love the company of faith-filled people and count myself among those who make your Word their own.**

**O Loving Presence, I cherish your dwelling place, my heart. O, that I might radiate Love Divine! Keep me always in your presence, ever-ready to praise your Name. Make me holy, complete in You, write my name among the saints.**

**For I would choose the path of wholeness; fulfill your promise and be gracious to me. Then standing with equanimity in heaven's company, I shall ever bless You, O Beloved of my heart.**  
(Nan Merrill version)

### **Here I Come to You**

**Ref:**

**Here, I come to you, the one whom I have loved, the God in whom I have believed.  
Here I come to you, the one whom I have loved, the one I've chosen for my heart.**

**You are the joy of my Spirit, O Lord. You are the grace of my heart  
And I will follow you wherever you go since you have claimed me as your own.  
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**My beloved, my Jesus, my God, I draw you close to my heart  
in love's embrace which knows no end, here and now I hold my God.  
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**Here and now, I have you O Lord, have I all my love  
And if you bless me, Lord, a thousand times, I will never let you go.  
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