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Welcome

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn: DARWALL'S 148TH -
"Ye holy angels bright"

Swedenborgian Church Choir

Scripture Readings

Genesis 22:1-15, Psalm 23

Spiritual Message

Making Sacrifices

Dr. Devin Zuber

Silent Reflection

Choir Anthem

Wayfaring Stranger

ALICE PARKER

Pastoral Prayer

Virtual Offertory

"Love is little"

ARR. KEVIN SIEGFRIED

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Lied to the Chrysanthemums

JOSEPH BONNET



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READINGS

Genesis 22:1-15

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, 7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram[a] caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

Psalms 13

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I wrestle with my thoughts

and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

Look on me and answer, Lord my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

But I trust in your unfailing love;

my heart rejoices in your salvation.

I will sing the Lord's praise,

for he has been good to me.

From The Theological Writings Of Emanuel Swedenborg: *Arcana Coelestia* #2780

"And Abraham rose early in the morning." That this signifies a state of peace and innocence is evident from the signification of "morning," and also of "rising early," when predicated of the Lord, who here is "Abraham." "Morning" in the universal sense signifies the Lord, and hence his kingdom; consequently the celestial of love in general and in particular (as was shown n. 2333); and as it signifies these, it signifies the state itself in which they are, which state is that of peace and innocence. The state of peace in the heavens is like that of the dawn on earth. In the state of peace in the heavens come forth all celestial and spiritual things, and derive therefrom all that is auspicious, blessed, and happy in them, as in the time of dawn on earth all things come forth before man as things of delight and gladness; for all the singulars derive their quality from the general affection (see n. 920, 2384). The case is the same with the state of innocence: this comes forth in the state of peace, and is a general thing affecting all the things of love and faith. Unless these have innocence in them, they lack their essential. Hence it is that no one can come into heaven unless he have something of innocence (see Mark 10:15). It is plain from this what "morning" signifies in the internal sense, and still more when it is said that he "rose early in the morning"; and as in the highest sense "morning" is the Lord, and as the state is from him which effects and affects all things in his kingdom, "morning" and "rising in the morning" signify many other things which come forth in that state; and this as related to the things which follow in the internal sense.

Ye Holy Angels Bright

Richard Baxter, 1672
adapt. John Hampden Gurney, 1838

DARWALL 148 66 66 44 44
John Darwall, 1770

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly
3 Ye saints who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a -

hand, or through the realms of light fly at your
race, and now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the
King, and on - ward as ye go some joy - ful
bove, and with a well - tuned heart sing thou the

Lord's com - mand, as - sist our song, for
Sav - ior's face, God's prais - es sound, as
an - them sing; take what he gives and
songs of love. Let all thy days till

else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
in his light with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
praise him still, through good and ill, who - ev - er lives.
life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.