

# Morning Prayer

## Friday



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O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

### A Song of Triumph

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.  
Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God;  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Psalm 95*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### The Psalmody Psalm 112

Alleluia.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments.  
**Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest.**  
Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever.  
**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.**

It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice,  
**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.**  
They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.  
**Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes.**  
They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
their head will be exalted with honour.  
**The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair;  
the desire of the wicked shall perish.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## **Scripture Reading**

### **2 Chronicles 7:13-14**

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

## **Canticle**

### **The Benedictus**

**Give your people knowledge of salvation, O God, by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.  
**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,  
**To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet  
into the way of peace.**

*Luke 1.68-79*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Give your people knowledge of salvation, O God, by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to God, who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety,  
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies,  
that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,  
that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill and the dying,  
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Collect

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**Amen**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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