

Morning Prayer

Monday



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

A Song of God's Compassion

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.
For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.
Our days are but as grass;
we flourish as a flower of the field;
For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old
and endures for ever on those who fear him,
and his righteousness on children's children;
On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments to do them.

Psalm 103:8-18

**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 49

Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all you that dwell in the world,

You of low or high degree, both rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

I will incline my ear to a parable; I will unfold my riddle with the lyre.

Why should I fear in evil days, when the malice of my foes surrounds me,

Such as trust in their goods and glory in the abundance of their riches?

For no one can indeed ransom another or pay to God the price of deliverance.

To ransom a soul is too costly; there is no price one could pay for it,

So that they might live for ever, and never see the grave.

For we see that the wise die also; with the foolish and ignorant they perish and leave their riches to others.

Their tomb is their home for ever, their dwelling through all generations,

though they call their lands after their own names.

Those who have honour, but lack understanding, are like the beasts that perish.

Such is the way of those who boast in themselves,

the end of those who delight in their own words.

Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die;

death is their shepherd; they go down straight to the Pit.

Their beauty shall waste away, and the land of the dead shall be their dwelling.

But God shall ransom my soul; from the grasp of death will he take me.

Be not afraid if some grow rich and the glory of their house increases,

For they will carry nothing away when they die, nor will their glory follow after them.

Though they count themselves happy while they live and praise you for your success,

They shall enter the company of their ancestors who will nevermore see the light.

Those who have honour, but lack understanding, are like the beasts that 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

Isaiah 49:1b-4

The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

Canticle

The Benedictus

You have set us free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous in your sight.

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.**

You have set us free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous in your sight.

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

Lord our God,
as with all creation
we offer you the life of this new day,
give us grace to love and serve you
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord.
All 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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