

## ☩ Morning Prayer on Monday

**Monday, 27 September 2021**

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### Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

[The Acclamation of Christ at the Dawning of the Day \(page 108\)](#) may replace the Preparation as the start of Morning Prayer on any occasion.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

One of these prayers of thanksgiving (page 109),

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

You founded the earth in the beginning

and the heavens are the work of your hands.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,

and in these last days you have spoken to us

in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us

let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,

your Spirit ever renew our lives

and your praises ever be on our lips.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

(or)

Blessed are you, creator of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your dawn renews the face of the earth

bringing light and life to all creation,

may we rejoice in this day you have made;

as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,

open our eyes to behold your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

after Lancelot Andrewes (1626)

or a suitable hymn,

or A Song of God's Compassion

1 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

2 He will not always accuse us,  
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

3 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

4 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

5 As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he set our sins from us.

6 As a father has compassion on his children,  
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

7 For he knows of what we are made;  
he remembers that we are but dust.

8 Our days are but as grass;  
we flourish as a flower of the field;

9 For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,  
and its place shall know it no more.

10 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;

11 On those who keep his covenant

and remember his commandments to do them.

Psalm 103.8-18

AllGlory 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.

This opening prayer may be said

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.

AllAmen.

## **The Word of God**

### **Psalmody**

The appointed psalmody is said.

### **Psalm 71**

Refrain: O God, be not far from me.

1 In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; □

let me never be put to shame.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; □

incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; □

send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, □

from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God,  
my confidence, even from my youth.

6 Upon you have I leaned from my birth,  
when you drew me from my mother's womb;  
my praise shall be always of you. R

7 I have become a portent to many,  
but you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise  
and your glory all the day long.

9 Do not cast me away in the time of old age;  
forsake me not when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies are talking against me,  
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

11 They say, 'God has forsaken him;  
pursue him and take him,  
because there is none to deliver him.'

12 O God, be not far from me;  
come quickly to help me, O my God.

13 Let those who are against me  
be put to shame and disgrace;  
let those who seek to do me evil  
be covered with scorn and reproach. R

14 But as for me I will hope continually  
and will praise you more and more.

15 My mouth shall tell of your righteousness  
and salvation all the day long,  
for I know no end of the telling.

16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord God;  
I will recall your righteousness, yours alone. R

17 O God, you have taught me since I was young,  
and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

18 Forsake me not, O God,  
when I am old and grey-headed,<sup>□</sup>  
till I make known your deeds to the next generation  
and your power to all that are to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens;<sup>□</sup>  
in the great things you have done, who is like you, O God?

20 What troubles and adversities you have shown me,<sup>□</sup>  
and yet you will turn and refresh me  
and bring me from the deep of the earth again.

21 Increase my honour;<sup>□</sup>  
turn again and comfort me. R

22 Therefore will I praise you upon the harp  
for your faithfulness, O my God;<sup>□</sup>  
I will sing to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing out as I play to you,<sup>□</sup>  
and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue also will tell of your righteousness all the day long,<sup>□</sup>  
for they shall be shamed and disgraced  
who sought to do me evil.

Refrain: O God, be not far from me.

Faithful Lord, living Saviour,  
in youth and old age,  
from the womb to the grave,  
may we know your protection  
and proclaim your great salvation  
to the glory of God the Father.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

All 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.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

## 1 Maccabees 1.1-19

After Alexander son of Philip, the Macedonian, who came from the land of Kittim, had defeated King Darius of the Persians and the Medes, he succeeded him as king. (He had previously become king of Greece.) He fought many battles, conquered strongholds, and put to death the kings of the earth. He advanced to the ends of the earth, and plundered many nations. When the earth became quiet before him, he was exalted, and his heart was lifted up. He gathered a very strong army and ruled over countries, nations, and princes, and they became tributary to him.

After this he fell sick and perceived that he was dying. So he summoned his most honoured officers, who had been brought up with him from youth, and divided his kingdom among them while he was still alive. And after Alexander had reigned for twelve years, he died.

Then his officers began to rule, each in his own place. They all put on crowns after his death, and so did their descendants after them for many years; and they caused many evils on the earth.

From them came forth a sinful root, Antiochus Epiphanes, son of King Antiochus; he had been a hostage in Rome. He began to reign in the one hundred and thirty-seventh year of the kingdom of the Greeks.

In those days certain renegades came out from Israel and misled many, saying, 'Let us go and make a covenant with the Gentiles around us, for since we separated from them many disasters have come upon us.' This proposal pleased them, and some of the people eagerly went to the king, who authorized them to observe the ordinances of the Gentiles. So they built a gymnasium in Jerusalem, according to Gentile custom, and removed the marks of circumcision, and abandoned the holy covenant. They joined with the Gentiles and sold themselves to do evil.

When Antiochus saw that his kingdom was established, he determined to become king of the land of Egypt, in order that he might reign over both kingdoms. So he invaded Egypt with a strong force, with chariots and elephants and cavalry and with a large fleet. He engaged King Ptolemy of Egypt in battle, and Ptolemy turned and fled before him, and many were wounded and fell. They captured the fortified cities in the land of Egypt, and he plundered the land of Egypt.

or [2 Chronicles 9.1-12](#)

## Canticle

A Song of Deliverance, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 40 \(page 591\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All the earth, shout and sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One.

1'Behold, God is my salvation; □

I will trust and will not be afraid;

2'For the Lord God is my strength and my song, □

and has become my salvation.'

3'With joy you will draw water □

from the wells of salvation.

4 On that day you will say, <sup>□</sup>

'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

5 'Make known his deeds among the nations, <sup>□</sup>

proclaim that his name is exalted.

6 'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously; <sup>□</sup>

let this be known in all the world.

7 'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion, <sup>□</sup>

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

Isaiah 12.2-6

All 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.

All All the earth, shout and sing for joy,

for great in your midst is the Holy One.

## Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

## Mark 14.1-11

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, 'Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.'

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and

promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;

and be not wise in your own sight.

All Trust in the Lord with all your heart;

and be not wise in your own sight.

In all your ways acknowledge him

and he will make straight your paths.

All Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All Trust in the Lord with all your heart;

and be not wise in your own sight.

from Proverbs 3

## Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,

or the [Te Deum Laudamus \(A Song of the Church\) \(page 636\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings as an eagle.

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, <sup>□</sup>

who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, <sup>□</sup>

born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old <sup>□</sup>

to save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors, <sup>□</sup>

and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: <sup>□</sup>

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,



6Free to worship him without fear, <sup>□</sup>

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

7And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, <sup>□</sup>

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8To give his people knowledge of salvation <sup>□</sup>

by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9In the tender compassion of our God <sup>□</sup>

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, <sup>□</sup>

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

AllGlory 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.

Refrain:

AllThey who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings as an eagle.

## Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ for the day and its tasks

¶ for the world and its needs

¶ for the Church and her life

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 362–363](#)

¶ The media and the arts

¶ Farming and fishing

¶ Commerce and industry

¶ Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger

¶ All who are unemployed

One of the forms of prayer found on [pages 362–371](#) may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Merciful God,

whose servant Vincent de Paul,

by his ministry of preaching and pastoral care,

brought your love to the sick and the poor:

give to all your people a heart of compassion

that by word and action they may serve you

in serving others in their need;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All 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 Conclusion

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

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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