

☩ Morning Prayer on Thursday

Thursday, 14 October 2021

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 Blessing

1 God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

2 That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.

7 God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 67

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.

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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 113

Refrain: From the rising of the sun to its setting
let the name of the Lord be praised.

1 Alleluia.

Give praise, you servants of the Lord, □
O praise the name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord, □
from this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting □
let the name of the Lord be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations □
and his glory above the heavens. R

5 Who is like the Lord our God,
that has his throne so high, □
yet humbles himself to behold
the things of heaven and earth?

6 He raises the poor from the dust □
and lifts the needy from the ashes,

7 To set them with princes, □
with the princes of his people.

8 He gives the barren woman a place in the house[□]

and makes her a joyful mother of children.

Alleluia.

Refrain: From the rising of the sun to its setting

let the name of the Lord be praised.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

we praise your name, O Lord;

may your promise to raise the poor from the dust

and turn the fortunes of the needy upside down

be fulfilled in our time also,

as it was in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 115

Refrain: The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us.

1 Not to us, Lord, not to us,

but to your name give the glory,[□]

for the sake of your loving mercy and truth.

2 Why should the nations say,[□]

'Where is now their God?'

3 As for our God, he is in heaven;[□]

he does whatever he pleases.

4 Their idols are silver and gold,[□]

the work of human hands. R

5 They have mouths, but cannot speak;[□]

eyes have they, but cannot see;

6 They have ears, but cannot hear;[□]

noses have they, but cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but cannot feel;

feet have they, but cannot walk;[□]

not a whisper do they make from their throats.

8 Those who make them shall become like them[□]

and so will all who put their trust in them. R

9 But you, Israel, put your trust in the Lord; □

he is their help and their shield.

10 House of Aaron, trust in the Lord; □

he is their help and their shield.

11 You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; □

he is their help and their shield.

12 The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us; □

may he bless the house of Israel;

may he bless the house of Aaron;

13 May he bless those who fear the Lord, □

both small and great together. R

14 May the Lord increase you more and more, □

you and your children after you.

15 May you be blest by the Lord, □

the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, □

but the earth he has entrusted to his children.

17 The dead do not praise the Lord, □

nor those gone down into silence;

18 But we will bless the Lord, □

from this time forth for evermore.

Alleluia.

Refrain: The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us.

Living God,

defend us from the idols which our hearts enthrone,

that we may not go down into silence

but be raised to our heaven of heavens

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

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.

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

1 Maccabees 7.21-end

Alcimus struggled to maintain his high-priesthood, and all who were troubling their people joined him. They gained control of the land of Judah and did great damage in Israel. And Judas saw all the wrongs that Alcimus and those with him had done among the Israelites; it was more than the Gentiles had done. So Judas went out into all the surrounding parts of Judea, taking vengeance on those who had deserted and preventing those in the city from going out into the country. When Alcimus saw that Judas and those with him had grown strong, and realized that he could not withstand them, he returned to the king and brought malicious charges against them.

Then the king sent Nicanor, one of his honoured princes, who hated and detested Israel, and he commanded him to destroy the people. So Nicanor came to Jerusalem with a large force, and treacherously sent to Judas and his brothers this peaceable message, 'Let there be no fighting between you and me; I shall come with a few men to see you face to face in peace.'

So he came to Judas, and they greeted one another peaceably; but the enemy were preparing to kidnap Judas. It became known to Judas that Nicanor had come to him with treacherous intent, and he was afraid of him and would not meet him again. When Nicanor learned that his plan had been disclosed, he went out to meet Judas in battle near Caphar-salama. About five hundred of the army of Nicanor fell, and the rest fled into the city of David.

After these events Nicanor went up to Mount Zion. Some of the priests from the sanctuary and some of the elders of the people came out to greet him peaceably and to show him the burnt-offering that was being offered for the king. But he mocked them and derided them and defiled them and spoke arrogantly, and in anger he swore this oath, 'Unless Judas and his army are delivered into my hands this time, then if I return safely I will burn up this house.' And he went out in great anger. At this the priests went in and stood before the altar and the temple; they wept and said,

'You chose this house to be called by your name,

and to be for your people a house of prayer and supplication.

Take vengeance on this man and on his army,

and let them fall by the sword;

remember their blasphemies,

and let them live no longer.'

Now Nicanor went out from Jerusalem and encamped in Beth-horon, and the Syrian army joined him. Judas encamped in Adasa with three thousand men. Then Judas prayed and said, 'When the messengers from the king spoke blasphemy, your angel went out and struck down one hundred and eighty-five thousand of the Assyrians. So also crush this army before us today; let the rest learn that Nicanor has spoken wickedly against the sanctuary, and judge him according to this wickedness.'

So the armies met in battle on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar. The army of Nicanor was crushed, and he himself was the first to fall in the battle. When his army saw that Nicanor had fallen, they threw down their arms and fled. The Jews pursued them a day's journey, from Adasa as far as Gazara, and as they followed they kept sounding the battle-call on the trumpets. People came out of all the surrounding villages of Judea, and they outflanked the enemy and drove them back to their pursuers, so that they all fell by the sword; not even one of them was left. Then the Jews seized the spoils and the plunder; they cut off Nicanor's head and

the right hand that he had so arrogantly stretched out, and brought them and displayed them just outside Jerusalem. The people rejoiced greatly and celebrated that day as a day of great gladness. They decreed that this day should be celebrated each year on the thirteenth day of Adar. So the land of Judah had rest for a few days.

or [2 Chronicles 29.20-end](#)

Canticle

A Song of the Covenant, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 44 \(page 596\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All have given you as a light to the nations,
and I have called you in righteousness.

1 Thus says God, who created the heavens, □
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;

2 Who gives breath to the people upon it □
and spirit to those who walk in it,

3 'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness, □
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

4 'I have given you as a covenant to the people, □
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,

5 'To bring out the captives from the dungeon, □
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.

6 'I am the Lord, that is my name; □
my glory I give to no other.'

Isaiah 42.5-8a

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 have given you as a light to the nations,
and I have called you in righteousness.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

John 13.31-end

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, where are you going?' Jesus answered, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterwards.' Peter said to him, 'Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.' Jesus answered, 'Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.'

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

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

All Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

All I have called you by name; you are mine.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

from Isaiah 43

Gospel Cantic

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,
or [Gloria in Excelsis \(A Song of God's Glory\) \(page 635\)](#) may be said

Refrain

All You promised, O God, to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us.

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, [□]

who has come to his people and set them free.

2He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,[□]
born of the house of his servant David.

3Through his holy prophets God promised of old[□]
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

4To show mercy to our ancestors,[□]
and to remember his holy covenant.

5This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:[□]
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6Free to worship him without fear,[□]
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

7And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,[□]
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8To give his people knowledge of salvation[□]
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9In the tender compassion of our God[□]
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10To 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

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

AllYou promised, O God, to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us.

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](#)

¶ Local government, community leaders

¶ All who provide local services

¶ Those who work with young or elderly people

¶ Schools, colleges and universities

¶ Emergency and rescue organizations

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

O God, forasmuch as without you

we are not able to please you;

mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit

may in all things direct and rule our hearts;

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.

AllAmen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

AllOur 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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