

☩ Morning Prayer on Saturday

Saturday, 23 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 Praise

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul is athirst for you.

2 My flesh also faints for you,
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

3 So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.

4 Your loving-kindness is better than life itself
and so my lips shall praise you.

5 I will bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.

6 My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,

7 When I remember you upon my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

8 For you have been my helper
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

9 My soul clings to you;
your right hand shall hold me fast.

Psalm 63.1-9

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 147

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

1 Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God, □
how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem □
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted □
and binds up all their wounds. R

4 He counts the number of the stars □
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; □
his wisdom is beyond all telling.

6 The Lord lifts up the poor, □
but casts down the wicked to the ground. R

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; □

make music to our God upon the lyre;

8 Who covers the heavens with clouds[□]
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 Who makes grass to grow upon the mountains[□]
and green plants to serve our needs. R

10 He gives the beasts their food[□]
and the young ravens when they cry.

11 He takes no pleasure in the power of a horse,[□]
no delight in human strength;

12 But the Lord delights in those who fear him,[□]
who put their trust in his steadfast love. R

13 Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem;[□]
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates[□]
and has blest your children within you.

15 He has established peace in your borders[□]
and satisfies you with the finest wheat. R

16 He sends forth his command to the earth[□]
and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool[□]
and scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He casts down his hailstones like morsels of bread;[□]
who can endure his frost? R

19 He sends forth his word and melts them;[□]
he blows with his wind and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob,[□]
his statutes and judgements to Israel.

21 He has not dealt so with any other nation;[□]
they do not know his laws.

Alleluia.

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

Compassionate God,
as you know each star you have created,
so you know the secrets of every heart;
in your loving mercy bring to your table
all who are fearful and broken,
all who are wounded and needy,
that our hungers may be satisfied
in the city of your peace;
through Christ who is our peace.

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.

Tobit 2

Then during the reign of Esar-haddon I returned home, and my wife Anna and my son Tobias were restored to me. At our festival of Pentecost, which is the sacred festival of weeks, a good dinner was prepared for me and I reclined to eat. When the table was set for me and an abundance of food placed before me, I said to my son Tobias, 'Go, my child, and bring whatever poor person you may find of our people among the exiles in Nineveh, who is wholeheartedly mindful of God, and he shall eat together with me. I will wait for you, until you come back.' So Tobias went to look for some poor person of our people. When he had returned he said, 'Father!' And I replied, 'Here I am, my child.' Then he went on to say, 'Look, father, one of our own people has been murdered and thrown into the market-place, and now he lies there strangled.' Then I sprang up, left the dinner before even tasting it, and removed the body from the square and laid it in one of the rooms until sunset when I might bury it. When I returned, I washed myself and ate my food in sorrow. Then I remembered the prophecy of Amos, how he said against Bethel,

'Your festivals shall be turned into mourning,
and all your songs into lamentation.'

And I wept.

When the sun had set, I went and dug a grave and buried him. And my neighbours laughed and said, 'Is he still not afraid? He has already been hunted down to be put to death for doing this, and he ran away; yet here he is again burying the dead!' That same night I washed myself and went into my courtyard and slept by the wall of the courtyard; and my face was uncovered because of the heat. I did not know that there were sparrows on the wall; their fresh droppings fell into my eyes and produced white films. I went to physicians to be healed, but the more they treated me with ointments the more my vision was obscured by the white films, until I became completely blind. For four years I remained unable to see. All my kindred were sorry for me, and Ahikar took care of me for two years before he

went to Elymais.

At that time, also, my wife Anna earned money at women's work. She used to send what she made to the owners and they would pay wages to her. One day, the seventh of Dystrus, when she cut off a piece she had woven and sent it to the owners, they paid her full wages and also gave her a kid for a meal. When she returned to me, the kid began to bleat. So I called her and said, 'Where did you get this kid? It is surely not stolen, is it? Return it to the owners; for we have no right to eat anything stolen.' But she said to me, 'It was given to me as a gift in addition to my wages.' But I did not believe her, and told her to return it to the owners. I became flushed with anger against her over this. Then she replied to me, 'Where are your acts of charity? Where are your righteous deeds? These things are known about you!'

or [2 Chronicles 36.11-end](#)

Canticle

A Song of Jerusalem our Mother, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 48 \(page 600\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All Thus says our God, I will comfort you,
you shall see and your heart shall rejoice.

1 'Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, [□]
all you who love her,' says the Lord.

2 'Rejoice with her in joy, [□]
all you who mourn over her,

3 'That you may drink deeply with delight [□]
from her consoling breast.'

4 For thus says our God, [□]
'You shall be nursed and carried on her arm.

5 'As a mother comforts her children, [□]
so I will comfort you;

6 'You shall see and your heart shall rejoice; [□]
you shall flourish like the grass of the fields.'

Isaiah 66.10, 11a, 12a, 12c, 13a, 14a, b

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.

AllThus says our God, I will comfort you,
you shall see and your heart shall rejoice.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

John 16.23-end

Jesus said to his disciples, 'On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

'I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.'

His disciples said, 'Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.' Jesus answered them, 'Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!'

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

Your salvation is near to those who fear you;

that glory may dwell in our land.

AllYour salvation is near to those who fear you;

that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

AllThat glory may dwell in our land.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

AllYour salvation is near to those who fear you;

that glory may dwell in our land.

from Psalm 85

Gospel Cantic

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 Shine on us, O God, who dwell in darkness,
and guide us into the way of peace.

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,[□]
who has come to his people and set them free.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 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

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.

Refrain:

All Shine on us, O God, who dwell in darkness,
and guide us into the way of peace.

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](#)

- ¶ Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love
- ¶ Those whose time is spent caring for others
- ¶ Those who are close to death
- ¶ Those who have lost hope
- ¶ The worship of the Church

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

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation

the joys of eternal life;
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.

AllAmen.

Let us bless the Lord.

AllThanks be to God.

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