

✠ Morning Prayer

Lent

Tuesday, 15 March 2022

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,

And according to your judgement give us life.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,

your light breaks forth like the dawn

and your healing springs up for deliverance.

As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,

sustain us with your bountiful Spirit

and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

a suitable hymn, or A Song of Penitence

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; â€¦

according to the abundance of your compassion

blot out my offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness â€¦

and cleanse me from my sin.

3For I acknowledge my faults â€¦;
and my sin is ever before me.

4Against you only have I sinned â€¦;
and done what is evil in your sight,

5So that you are justified in your sentence â€¦;
and righteous in your judgement.

6Cast me not away from your presence â€¦;
and take not your holy spirit from me.

7Give me again the joy of your salvation â€¦;
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

8Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked â€¦;
and sinners shall return to you.

9Deliver me from my guilt, O God,
the God of my salvation, â€¦;
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

Psalm 51.1-5, 12-15

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 50

Refrain: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

1 The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken[^] [^];
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;[^] [^];
our God comes and will not keep silence.

3 Consuming fire goes out before him[^] [^];
and a mighty tempest stirs about him.

4 He calls the heaven above,[^] [^];
and the earth, that he may judge his people:

5 [^] [^] Gather to me my faithful[^] [^];
who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.[^] [^]

6 Let the heavens declare his righteousness,[^] [^];
for God himself is judge.[^] R

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:[^] [^];
[^] [^] will testify against you, O Israel;
for I am God, your God.

8 [^] [^] will not reprove you for your sacrifices,[^] [^];
for your burnt offerings are always before me.

9 [^] [^] will take no bull out of your house,[^] [^];
nor he-goat out of your folds,

10 [^] [^] For all the beasts of the forest are mine,[^] [^];
the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know every bird of the mountains;
and the insect of the field is mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you;
for the whole world is mine and all that fills it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and fulfil your vows to God Most High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you and you shall honour me.

16 But to the wicked, says God:
Why do you recite my statutes
and take my covenant upon your lips,

17 Since you refuse to be disciplined
and have cast my words behind you?

18 When you saw a thief, you made friends with him;
and you threw in your lot with adulterers.

19 You have loosed your lips for evil,
and harnessed your tongue to deceit.

20 You sit and speak evil of your brother;
you slander your own mother's son.

21 These things have you done, and should I keep silence?
Did you think that I am even such a one as yourself?

22 But no, I must reprove you;
and set before your eyes the things that you have done.

23 You that forget God, consider this well;
lest I tear you apart and there is none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me;
and to those who keep my way
will I show the salvation of God.

Refrain: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Mighty God,
dwelling in unapproachable light,
forgive our vain attempts to appease you,
and show us your full salvation
in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

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.

Genesis 44.1-17

Then he commanded the steward of his house, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the top of his sack. Put my cup, the silver cup, in the top of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph told him. As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. When they had gone only a short distance from the city, Joseph said to his steward, "Go, follow after the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you returned evil for good? Why have you stolen my silver cup? Is it not from this that my lord drinks? Does he not indeed use it for divination? You have done wrong in doing this.'"

When he overtook them, he repeated these words to them. They said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants that they should do such a thing! Look, the money that we found at the top of our sacks, we brought back to you from the land of Canaan; why then would we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? Should it be found with any one of your servants, let him die; moreover, the rest of us will become my lord's slaves." He said, "Even so; in accordance with your words, let it be: he with whom it is found shall become my slave, but the rest of you shall go free." Then each one quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each opened his sack. He searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. At this they tore their clothes. Then each one loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city.

Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house while he was still there; and they fell to the ground before him. Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that one such as I can practise divination?" And Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? How can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; here we are then, my lord's slaves, both we and also the one in whose possession the cup has been found." But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the one in whose possession the cup was found shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father."

Canticle

The Song of Manasseh, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 20 \(page 570\)](#), [number 33 \(page 584\)](#) or [number 41 \(page 592\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All Full of compassion and mercy and love

is God, the Most High, the Almighty.

1 Lord almighty and God of our ancestors, â€œ

you who made heaven and earth in all their glory:

2 All things tremble with awe at your presence, â€œ

before your great and mighty power.

3 Immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy, â€œ

for you are God, Most High.

4 You are full of compassion, long-suffering and very merciful, â€œ

and you relent at human suffering.

5 O God, according to your great goodness, â€œ

you have promised forgiveness for repentance

to those who have sinned against you.

6 The sins I have committed against you â€œ

are more in number than the sands of the sea.

7 I am not worthy to look up to the height of heaven, â€œ

because of the multitude of my iniquities.

8 And now I bend the knee of my heart before you, â€œ

imploring your kindness upon me.

9 I have sinned, O God, I have sinned, â€œ

and I acknowledge my transgressions.

10 Unworthy as I am, you will save me, â€œ

according to your great mercy.

11 For all the host of heaven sings your praise, â€œ

and your glory is for ever and ever.

Manasseh 1a, 2, 4, 6, 7a, b, 9a, c, 11, 12, 14b, 15b

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.

AllFull of compassion and mercy and love
is God, the Most High, the Almighty.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Hebrews 2.1-9

Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. For if the message declared through angels was valid, and every transgression or disobedience received a just penalty, how can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? It was declared at first through the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, while God added his testimony by signs and wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, distributed according to his will.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honour,

subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

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

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

All O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation,

All To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long.

All O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

All To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

from Psalm 25

Gospel Cantic

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

or [Saviour of the World \(page 644\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they shall be satisfied.

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, â€œ

who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, â€œ

born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old â€œ

to save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors, â€œ

and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: â€œ

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6Free to worship him without fear, â€¦

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

7And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, â€¦

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

8To give his people knowledge of salvation â€¦

by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9In the tender compassion of our God â€¦

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, â€¦

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:

AllBlessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they shall be satisfied.

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

Â¶ for the day and its tasks

Â¶ for the world and its needs

Â¶ for the Church and her life

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 364â€¦365](#)

Â¶ Those preparing for baptism and confirmation

Â¶ Those serving through leadership

Â¶ Those looking for forgiveness

Â¶ Those misled by the false gods of this present age

Â¶ All who are hungry

A form of prayer found [on page 380](#) may be used.

The Litany [on pages 400-403](#) may be said instead of the Prayers.

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

Almighty God,

you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,

that they may return to the way of righteousness:

grant to all those who are admitted

into the fellowship of Christ's religion,

that they may reject those things

that are contrary to their profession,

and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;

through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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

Trusting in the compassion of God,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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)

Trusting in the compassion of God,
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

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.
All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

© The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, 2000-2005
Official Common Worship apps, books and eBooks are available from [Church House Publishing](#).

The Bible readings (other than the psalms) are from *The New Revised Standard Version Anglicized Edition*, copyright 1989, 1995 Division of Christian Education of the [National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America](#). Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Implemented by Simon Kershaw at [Crucix](#).

Implementation copyright © Simon Kershaw, 2002-2021.

[View other services](#)

[Copy to clipboard](#)

Source URL: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/morning-prayer-contemporary-tuesday-15-march-2022>