

✠ Morning Prayer on Thursday

Thursday, 7 July 2022

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 â€¦
and make his face to shine upon us,

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

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

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

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

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

7 God will bless us, â€¦
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 78.1-39*

Refrain: O Lord, how glorious are your works.

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; Â ã!
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; Â ã!
I will pour forth mysteries from of old,

3 Such as we have heard and known, Â ã!
which our forebears have told us.

4 We will not hide from their children,
but will recount to generations to come, Â ã!
the praises of the Lord and his power
and the wonderful works he has done. Â R

5 He laid a solemn charge on Jacob
and made it a law in Israel, Â ã!
which he commanded them to teach their children,

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn, Â ã!
that they in turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God Â ã!
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments,

8 And not be like their forebears,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,Â â!;
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
and whose spirit was not faithful to God. Â R

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow,Â â!;
turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep the covenant of GodÂ â!;
and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had doneÂ â!;
and the wonders he had shown them.

12 For he did marvellous things in the sight of their forebears,Â â!;
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.Â R

13 He divided the sea and let them pass through;Â â!;
he made the waters stand still in a heap.

14 He led them with a cloud by dayÂ â!;
and all the night through with a blaze of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wildernessÂ â!;
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the rockÂ â!;
and made water gush out like rivers.Â R

17 Yet for all this they sinned more against himÂ â!;
and defied the Most High in the wilderness.

18 They tested God in their heartsÂ â!;
and demanded food for their craving.

19 They spoke against God and said,Â â!;
ââCan God prepare a table in the wilderness?

20 ââHe struck the rock indeed, so that the waters gushed out
and the streams overflowed,Â â!;
but can he give bread or provide meat for his people?ââ

21 When the Lord heard this, he was full of wrath;Â â!;
a fire was kindled against Jacob
and his anger went out against Israel,

22 For they had no faith in God;â
and put no trust in his saving help.

23 So he commanded the clouds above;â
and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down upon them manna to eat;â
and gave them the grain of heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels;â
he sent them food in plenty.â

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens;â
and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust;â
and winged fowl like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp;â
and round about their tents.

29 So they ate and were well filled;â
for he gave them what they desired.

30 But they did not stop their craving;â
their food was still in their mouths,

31 When the anger of God rose against them;â
and slew their strongest men
and felled the flower of Israel.â

32 But for all this, they sinned yet more;â
and put no faith in his wonderful works.

33 So he brought their days to an end like a breath;â
and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever he slew them, they would seek him;â
they would repent and earnestly search for God.

35 They remembered that God was their rock;â
and the Most High God their redeemer.â

36 Yet they did but flatter him with their mouth;â

and dissembled with their tongue.

37 Their heart was not steadfast towards him,â
neither were they faithful to his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave their misdeeds
and did not destroy them;â
many a time he turned back his wrath
and did not suffer his whole displeasure to be roused.

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh,â
a wind that passes by and does not return.

Refrain: O Lord, how glorious are your works.

God our deliverer,
as you led our ancestors through the wilderness,
so lead us through the wilderness of this world,
that we may be saved through Christ for ever.

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.

Judges 11.1-11

Now Jephthah the Gileadite, the son of a prostitute, was a mighty warrior. Gilead was the father of Jephthah. Gileadâs wife also bore him sons; and when his wifeâs sons grew up, they drove Jephthah away, saying to him, âYou shall not inherit anything in our fatherâs house; for you are the son of another woman.â Then Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob. Outlaws collected around Jephthah and went raiding with him.

After a time the Ammonites made war against Israel. And when the Ammonites made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah from the land of Tob. They said to Jephthah, âCome and be our commander, so that we may fight with the Ammonites.â But Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, âAre you not the very ones who rejected me and drove me out of my fatherâs house? So why do you come to me now when you are in trouble?â The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, âNevertheless, we have now turned back to you, so that you may go with us and fight with the Ammonites, and become head over us, over all the inhabitants of Gilead.â Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, âIf you bring me home again to fight with the Ammonites, and the Lord gives them over to me, I will be your head.â And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, âThe Lord will be witness between us; we will surely do as you say.â So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and commander over them; and Jephthah spoke all his words before the Lord at Mizpah.

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, â€ˆ;
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;

2 Who gives breath to the people upon it â€ˆ;
and spirit to those who walk in it,

3 â€ˆ am the Lord and I have called you in righteousnessâ€ˆ;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

4 â€ˆ have given you as a covenant to the peopleâ€ˆ;
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,

5 â€ˆ To bring out the captives from the dungeonsâ€ˆ;
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.

6 â€ˆ am the Lord, that is my nameâ€ˆ;
my glory I give to no other.â€ˆ

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.

Luke 16.19-end

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

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

who has come to his people and set them free.

2He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, â€¦
born of the house of his servant David.

3Through his holy prophets God promised of old â€¦
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

4To show mercy to our ancestors, â€¦
and to remember his holy covenant.

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

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

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 362â363](#)

Â¶ Local government, community leaders

Â¶ All who provide local services

Â¶ Those who work with young or elderly people

Â¶ Schools, colleges and universities

Â¶ Emergency and rescue organizations

One of the forms of prayer found [on pages 362â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

Almighty God,

you have broken the tyranny of sin

and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts

Â Â Â Â Â whereby we call you Father:

give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,

that we and all creation may be brought

Â Â Â Â Â to the glorious liberty of the children of God;

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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