Morning Prayer on Saturday

Saturday, 9 July 2022

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
All 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.
AllBlessed 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.

AllBlessed 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

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.
All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 76

Refrain: The Lord has made fast his throne for judgement.

1 In Judah God is known; his name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle; and his dwelling place in Zion.

3 There broke he the flashing arrows of the bow; the shield, the sword and the weapons of war.

4 In the light of splendour you appeared; glorious from the eternal mountains.

5 The boastful were plundered; they have slept their sleep; none of the warriors can lift their hand.

6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob; both horse and chariot fell stunned.

7 Terrible are you in majesty: who can stand before your face when you are angry?
8 You caused your judgement to be heard from heaven; the earth trembled and was still.

9 When God arose to judgement, the earth trembled and was still; to save all the meek upon earth.  

10 You crushed the wrath of the peoples and bridled the wrathful remnant.

11 Make a vow to the Lord your God and keep it; let all who are round about him bring gifts to him that is worthy to be feared.

12 He breaks down the spirit of princes and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

Refrain: The Lord has made fast his throne for judgement.

Majestic and gracious God,
more awesome than the agents of war,
more powerful than the wrath of nations,
restrain the violence of the peoples and draw the despised of the earth into the joyful life of your kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever.

Psalm 79

Refrain: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name.

1 O God, the heathen have come into your heritage; your holy temple have they defiled and made Jerusalem a heap of stones.

2 The dead bodies of your servants they have given to be food for the birds of the air; and the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the field.

3 Their blood have they shed like water on every side of Jerusalem; and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become the taunt of our neighbours;  

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the scorn and derision of those that are round about us. R

5 Lord, how long will you be angry, for ever? R
How long will your jealous fury blaze like fire?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the nations that have not known you. R
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob. R
and laid waste his dwelling place. R

8 Remember not against us our former sins. R
let your compassion make haste to meet us,
for we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name. R
deliver us, and wipe away our sins for your name's sake.

10 Why should the heathen say, R
Where is now their God?

11 Let vengeance for your servants' blood that is shed R
be known among the nations in our sight.

12 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you. R
and by your mighty arm
preserve those who are condemned to die.

13 May the taunts with which our neighbours taunted you, Lord. R
return sevenfold into their bosom.

14 But we that are your people and the sheep of your pasture R
will give you thanks for ever. R
and tell of your praise from generation to generation.

Refrain: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name.

When faith is scorned
and love grows cold,
then, God of hosts, rebuild your Church
on lives of thankfulness and patient prayer;
through Christ your eternal Son.

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 12.1-7**

The men of Ephraim were called to arms, and they crossed to Zaphon and said to Jephthah, ‘Why did you cross over to fight against the Ammonites, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house down over you!’ Jephthah said to them, ‘My people and I were engaged in conflict with the Ammonites who oppressed us severely. But when I called you, you did not deliver me from their hand. When I saw that you would not deliver me, I took my life in my hand, and crossed over against the Ammonites, and the Lord gave them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day, to fight against me?’ Then Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought with Ephraim; and the men of Gilead defeated Ephraim, because they said, ‘You are fugitives from Ephraim, you Gileadites in the heart of Ephraim and Manasseh.’ Then the Gileadites took the fords of the Jordan against the Ephraimites. Whenever one of the fugitives of Ephraim said, ‘Let me go over’, the men of Gilead would say to him, ‘Are you an Ephraimite?’ When he said, ‘No’, they said to him, ‘Then say Shibboleth’, for he could not pronounce it right. Then they seized him and killed him at the fords of the Jordan. Forty-two thousand of the Ephraimites fell at that time.

Jephthah judged Israel for six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died, and was buried in his town in Gilead.

**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.
As a mother comforts her children, so I will comfort you; you shall see and your heart shall rejoice; you shall flourish like the grass of the fields.

Isaiah 66.10, 11a, 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 forever. Amen.

All Thus 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.

Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us! When he saw them, he said to them, Go and show yourselves to the priests. And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner? Then he said to him, Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.

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.

All Your 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. That glory may dwell in our land. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. All Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.

from Psalm 85

**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:

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, 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 362-363 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 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 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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