Morning Prayer on Sunday

Sunday, 24 July 2022

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
Alland 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 the Benedicite ♦ a Song of Creation (shorter version)

1Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

2Bless the Lord you heavens: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

3Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

4Bless the Lord all people on earth: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

5O people of God bless the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

6Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

7Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

8Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: ♦
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

The Song of the Three 35-37, 60-65

AllBless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

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 95

Refrain: Come, let us worship and bow down.

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; 
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; 
and be glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God; 
and a great king above all gods. R

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; 
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it; 
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down; 
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God; 
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. R

8 O that today you would listen to his voice;
Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,

9 When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.

11 So I swore in my wrath,
They shall not enter into my rest.

Refrain: Come, let us worship and bow down.

Lord God, the maker of all,
as we bow down in praise this day,
make us attentive to your voice
and do not test us beyond our enduring;
through Jesus Christ 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.

**Song of Solomon 2**

I am a rose of Sharon,
A lily of the valleys.

As a lily among brambles,
So is my love among maidens.

As an apple tree among the trees of the wood,
So is my beloved among young men.
With great delight I sat in his shadow,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his intention towards me was love.
Sustain me with raisins,
refresh me with apples;
for I am faint with love.
O that his left hand were under my head,
and that his right hand embraced me!
I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does:
do not stir up or awaken love
until it is ready!

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.
O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
in the covert of the cliff,
let me see your face,
let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely.

Catch us the foxes,
the little foxes,
that ruin the vineyards—
our vineyards are in blossom.

My beloved is mine and I am his;
he pastures his flock among the lilies.

Until the day breathes
and the shadows flee,
turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle
or a young stag on the cleft mountains.

or 1 Maccabees 2[1-14]15-22

Canticle

A Song of David, or another suitable canticle, for example, number 32 (page 583) or number 50 (page 602), may be said

Refrain:

All Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.

1 Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, â€œ;
for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

2 Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; â€œ;
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.

3 Riches and honour come from you â€œ;
and you rule over all.
4In your hand are power and might; 
and it is to give power and strength to all.

5And now we give you thanks, our God, and praise your glorious name.

6For all things come from you; and of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29.10b-13, 14b

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.

AllSplendour and majesty are yours, O God; 
you are exalted as head over all.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

1 Peter 4.7-14

The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

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

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead

And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.
Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.
AllAnd Christ shall give you light.
When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.
AllAwake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.

from Colossians 3

**Gospel Canticle**

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said, or the Easter Anthems (page 634) may be said

Refrain:

AllYou have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of your servant David.

1Blessed 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.
In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, 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 You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of your servant David.

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 362-371

- The universal Church
- Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church
- The leaders of the nations
- The natural world and the resources of the earth
- All who are in any kind of need

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

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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.