Morning Prayer on Sunday

Sunday, 2 October 2022

The Sixteenth 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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 Bless 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 141

Refrain: Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord.

1 O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips;

4 Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers, nor taste the pleasures of their table.

5 Let the righteous smite me in friendly rebuke; but let not the oil of the unrighteous anoint my head; for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.

6 Let their rulers be overthrown in stony places; then they may know that my words are sweet.

7 As when a plough turns over the earth in furrows,
let their bones be scattered at the mouth of the Pit. R

8 But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; in you I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless.

9 Protect me from the snare which they have laid for me; and from the traps of the evildoers.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets; while I pass by in safety.

Refrain: Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord.

Lord God, our protector and guide, who made us knowing both good and evil, help us to desire all that is good, that the offering of our lives may be acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

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.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

**Isaiah 49.13-23**

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

But Zion said, the Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.
Can a woman forget her nursing-child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.
See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands;
And your walls are continually before me.
Your builders outdo your destroyers,
And those who laid you waste go away from you.
Lift up your eyes all around and see;
They all gather, they come to you.
As I live, says the Lord,
You shall put all of them on like an ornament,
And like a bride you shall bind them on.

Surely your waste and your desolate places
And your devastated land
Surely now you will be too crowded for your inhabitants,
And those who swallowed you up will be far away.
The children born in the time of your bereavement
Will yet say in your hearing:
The place is too crowded for me;
Make room for me to settle.
Then you will say in your heart,
Who has borne me these?
I was bereaved and barren,
Exiled and put away.
So who has reared these?
I was left all alone.
Where then have these come from?

Thus says the Lord God:
I will soon lift up my hand to the nations,
And raise my signal to the peoples;
And they shall bring your sons in their bosom,
And your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.
Kings shall be your foster-fathers,
And their queens your nursing-mothers.
With their faces to the ground they shall bow down to you,
And lick the dust of your feet.
Then you will know that I am the Lord;
those who wait for me shall not be put to shame.
Canticle

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

Refrain:

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

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

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

3Riches and honour come from you
and you rule over all.

4In your hand are power and might;
yours 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.

Luke 12.1-12

Meanwhile, when the crowd gathered in thousands, so that they trampled on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, *Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, their hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops.*

**tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.**

**And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say.**

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

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead
AllAnd Christ shall give you light.

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

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 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 362–363:

- 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:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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.
Amen.
Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.