

☩ Morning Prayer on Wednesday

Wednesday, 8 February 2023

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 Glorious Name

1 O Lord our governor, ☩
how glorious is your name in all the world!

2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised ☩
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, ☩
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ☩
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

5 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; ☩
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

6 You have made them little lower than the angels ☩
and crown them with glory and honour.

7 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands ☩
and put all things under their feet,

8 All sheep and oxen, ☩
even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea ☩
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our governor, ☩
how glorious is your name in all the world!

Psalm 8

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 34

Refrain: O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; □
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall glory in the Lord; □
let the humble hear and be glad.

3 O magnify the Lord with me; □
let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord and he answered me □
and delivered me from all my fears.

5 Look upon him and be radiant □
and your faces shall not be ashamed. R

6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me □
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him □
and delivers them.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; □
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, □
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger, □
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good. R

11 Come, my children, and listen to me; □
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 Who is there who delights in life □
and longs for days to enjoy good things?

13 Keep your tongue from evil □
and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; □
seek peace and pursue it. R

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous □
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, □
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them □
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted □
and will save those who are crushed in spirit. R

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous; □
from them all will the Lord deliver them.

20 He keeps all their bones, □
so that not one of them is broken.

21 But evil shall slay the wicked □
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants □
and will condemn none who seek refuge in him.

Refrain: O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

Send your holy angels
to watch over us, O God,
that on our lips will be found your truth
and in our hearts your love;
so we may ever taste your goodness
in the land of the living;
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.

2 Chronicles 5

Thus all the work that Solomon did for the house of the Lord was finished. Solomon brought in the things that his father David had dedicated, and stored the silver, the gold, and all the vessels in the treasuries of the house of God.

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the people of Israel, in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. And all the Israelites assembled before the king at the festival that is in the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites carried the ark. So they brought up the ark, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be numbered or counted. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner

sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets that Moses put there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the people of Israel after they came out of Egypt.

Now when the priests came out of the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without regard to their divisions), all the levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, their sons and kindred, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, stood east of the altar with one hundred and twenty priests who were trumpeters, it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord,

‘For he is good,

for his steadfast love endures for ever’,

the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

Canticle

A Song of the Word of the Lord, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 35 \(page 586\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,

to our God, who will richly pardon.

1 Seek the Lord while he may be found, □

call upon him while he is near;

2 Let the wicked abandon their ways, □

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

3 Return to the Lord, who will have mercy; □

to our God, who will richly pardon.

4 ‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, □

neither are your ways my ways,’ says the Lord.

5 ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, □

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

6 ‘As the rain and the snow come down from above, □

and return not again but water the earth,

7 ‘Bringing forth life and giving growth, □

seed for sowing and bread to eat,

8'So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; □

it will not return to me fruitless,

9'But it will accomplish that which I purpose, □

and succeed in the task I gave it.'

Isaiah 55.6-11

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.

AllReturn to the Lord, who will have mercy,

to our God, who will richly pardon.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

John 17.20-end

looked up to heaven and said, 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel

and afterwards receive me with glory.

AllLord, you will guide me with your counsel

and afterwards receive me with glory.

For I am always with you;

you hold me by my right hand.

AllAnd afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

AllLord, you will guide me with your counsel

and afterwards receive me with glory.

from Psalm 73

Gospel Canticle

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

or [A Song of Redemption \(page 620\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

AllYou show mercy to our ancestors,

and remember your holy covenant.

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,

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 show mercy to our ancestors,
and remember your holy covenant.

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 social services
- ¶ All who work in the criminal justice system
- ¶ Victims and perpetrators of crime
- ¶ The work of aid agencies throughout the world
- ¶ Those living in poverty or under oppression

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

Almighty God,

who alone can bring order

to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:

give your people grace

so to love what you command

and to desire what you promise,

that, among the many changes of this world,

our hearts may surely there be fixed

where true joys are to be found;

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.

AllAmen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

AllOur 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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