

☩ Morning Prayer on Tuesday

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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 Righteousness

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, □
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, □
and forget not all his benefits;

3 Who forgives all your sins □
and heals all your infirmities;

4 Who redeems your life from the Pit □
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;

5 Who satisfies you with good things, □
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The Lord executes righteousness □
and judgement for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses □
and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord has established his throne in heaven, □
and his kingdom has dominion over all.

9 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, □
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and hearken to the voice of his word.

10 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, □
you ministers of his who do his will.

11 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; ☩
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 103.1-7, 19-22

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 32

Refrain: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.

1 Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven, ☩
and whose sin is covered.

2 Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, ☩
and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 For I held my tongue; □
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all the day long.

4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night; □
my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer. R

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you □
and my iniquity I did not hide.

6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' □
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you
in time of trouble; □
in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.

8 You are a place for me to hide in;
you preserve me from trouble; □
you surround me with songs of deliverance. R

9 'I will instruct you and teach you
in the way that you should go; □
I will guide you with my eye.

10 'Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding; □
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.'

11 Great tribulations remain for the wicked, □
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; □
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Refrain: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.

Give us honest hearts, O God,
and send your kindly Spirit
to help us confess our sins
and bring us the peace of your forgiveness;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 36

Refrain: With you, O God, is the well of life.

1 Sin whispers to the wicked, in the depths of their heart; □
there is no fear of God before their eyes.

2 They flatter themselves in their own eyes □
that their abominable sin will not be found out.

3 The words of their mouth are unrighteous and full of deceit; □
they have ceased to act wisely and to do good.

4 They think out mischief upon their beds
and have set themselves in no good way; □
nor do they abhor that which is evil. R

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens □
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; □
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.

7 How precious is your loving mercy, O God! □
All mortal flesh shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; □
they shall drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life □
and in your light shall we see light. R

10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you □
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, □
nor the hand of the ungodly thrust me away.

12 There are they fallen, all who work wickedness. □
They are cast down and shall not be able to stand.

Refrain: With you, O God, is the well of life.

O God, the well of life,
make us bright with wisdom,
that we may be lightened with the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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.

Zechariah 11.4-end

Thus said the Lord my God: Be a shepherd of the flock doomed to slaughter. Those who buy them kill them and go unpunished; and those who sell them say, 'Blessed be the Lord, for I have become rich'; and their own shepherds have no pity on them. For I will no longer have pity on the inhabitants of the earth, says the Lord. I will cause them, every one, to fall each into the hand of a neighbour, and each into the hand of the king; and they shall devastate the earth, and I will deliver no one from their hand.

So, on behalf of the sheep dealers, I became the shepherd of the flock doomed to slaughter. I took two staffs; one I named Favour, the other I named Unity, and I tended the sheep. In one month I disposed of the three shepherds, for I had become impatient with them, and they also detested me. So I said, 'I will not be your shepherd. What is to die, let it die; what is to be destroyed, let it be destroyed; and let those that are left devour the flesh of one another!' I took my staff Favour and broke it, annulling the covenant that I had made with all the peoples. So it was annulled on that day, and the sheep dealers, who were watching me, knew that it was the word of the Lord. I then said to them, 'If it seems right to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them.' So they weighed out as my wages thirty shekels of silver. Then the Lord said to me, 'Throw it into the treasury'—this lordly price at which I was valued by them. So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them into the treasury in the house of the Lord. Then I broke my second staff Unity, annulling the family ties between Judah and Israel.

Then the Lord said to me: Take once more the implements of a worthless shepherd. For I am now raising up in the land a shepherd who does not care for the perishing, or seek the wandering, or heal the maimed, or nourish the healthy, but devours the flesh of the fat ones, tearing off even their hoofs.

Oh, my worthless shepherd,
who deserts the flock!

May the sword strike his arm
and his right eye!

Let his arm be completely withered,
his right eye utterly blinded!

Canticle

A Song of Peace, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 26 \(page 577\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All Spirit of God, teach us your ways,
that we may walk in the paths of peace.

1 Come, let us go up to the mountain of God, □
to the house of the God of Jacob;

2 That God may teach us his ways, □
and that we may walk in his paths.

3 For the law shall go out from Zion, □
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4 God shall judge between the nations, □
and shall mediate for many peoples.

5 They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, □
and their spears into pruning hooks.

6 Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, □
neither shall they learn war any more.

7 O people of Jacob, come: □
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 2.3-5

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 Spirit of God, teach us your ways,
that we may walk in the paths of peace.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Mark 11.12-26

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, 'May no one ever eat fruit from you again.' And his disciples heard it.

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, 'Is it not written,

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"?

But you have made it a den of robbers.'

And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. Then Peter remembered and said to him, 'Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.' Jesus answered them, 'Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, "Be taken up and thrown into the sea", and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

'Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.'

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

Open my eyes, O Lord

that I may see the wonders of your law.

All Open my eyes, O Lord

that I may see the wonders of your law.

Lead me in the path of your commandments

All that I may see the wonders of your law.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All Open my eyes, O Lord

that I may see the wonders of your law.

from Psalm 119

Gospel Cantic

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,
or [The Song of Christ's Glory \(page 619\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All In your tender compassion, O God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

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,
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 in your tender compassion, O God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

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](#)

- ¶ All who are sick in body, mind or spirit
- ¶ Those in the midst of famine or disaster
- ¶ Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice
- ¶ Those who are bereaved
- ¶ All who work in the medical and healing professions

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

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel

that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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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