

☩ Morning Prayer

from All Saints' Day until

the day before the First Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, 21 November 2023

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your faithful servants bless you.

All they make known the glory of your kingdom.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

ruler and judge of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of this age that is passing away

may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy

surround our steps as we journey on.

May we reflect your glory this day

and so be made ready to see your face

in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

a suitable hymn, or A Song of Trust in God

1 As the deer longs for the water brooks, ☩

so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; ☩

when shall I come before the presence of God?

3My tears have been my bread day and night, □
while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'

4Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: □
how I went with the multitude
and led the procession to the house of God,

5With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, □
among those who kept holy day.

6Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, □
and why are you so disquieted within me?

7O put your trust in God; □
for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 42.1-7

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.

AllAmen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 48

Refrain: We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God.

1 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, □
in the city of our God.

2 His holy mountain is fair and lifted high, □
the joy of all the earth.

3 On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place, □
stands the city of the great king.

4 In her palaces God has shown himself □
to be a sure refuge. R

5 For behold, the kings of the earth assembled □
and swept forward together.

6 They saw, and were dumbfounded; □
dismayed, they fled in terror.

7 Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in labour, □
as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

8 As we had heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God: □
God has established her for ever. R

9 We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God, □
in the midst of your temple.

10 As with your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; □
your right hand is full of justice.

11 Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad, □
because of your judgements, O Lord.

12 Walk about Zion and go round about her;
count all her towers; □

consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,

13 That you may tell those who come after

that such is our God for ever and ever. □

It is he that shall be our guide for evermore.

Refrain: We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God.

Father of lights,

raise us with Christ to your eternal city,

that, with kings and nations,

we may wait in the midst of your temple

and see your glory for ever and ever.

Psalm 52

Refrain: I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.

1 Why do you glory in evil, you tyrant, □

while the goodness of God endures continually?

2 You plot destruction, you deceiver; □

your tongue is like a sharpened razor.

3 You love evil rather than good, □

falsehood rather than the word of truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, □

O you deceitful tongue.

5 Therefore God shall utterly bring you down; □

he shall take you and pluck you out of your tent

and root you out of the land of the living.

6 The righteous shall see this and tremble; □

they shall laugh you to scorn, and say:

7 'This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, □

but trusted in great riches and relied upon wickedness.'

8 But I am like a spreading olive tree in the house of God; □

I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.

9 I will always give thanks to you for what you have done; ☩

I will hope in your name,
for your faithful ones delight in it.

Refrain: I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.

Faithful and steadfast God,
nourish your people in this wicked world,
and, through prayer and the Scriptures,
give us our daily bread;
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.

Isaiah 10.5-19

Ah, Assyria, the rod of my anger—
the club in their hands is my fury!
Against a godless nation I send him,
and against the people of my wrath I command him,
to take spoil and seize plunder,
and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

But this is not what he intends,
nor does he have this in mind;
but it is in his heart to destroy,
and to cut off nations not a few.

For he says:

‘Are not my commanders all kings?

Is not Calno like Carchemish?

Is not Hamath like Arpad?

Is not Samaria like Damascus?

As my hand has reached to the kingdoms of the idols

whose images were greater than those of Jerusalem and Samaria,
shall I not do to Jerusalem and her idols
what I have done to Samaria and her images?'

When the Lord has finished all his work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, he will punish the arrogant boasting of the king of Assyria and his haughty pride. For he says:

'By the strength of my hand I have done it,
and by my wisdom, for I have understanding;
I have removed the boundaries of peoples,
and have plundered their treasures;
like a bull I have brought down those who sat on thrones.

My hand has found, like a nest,
the wealth of the peoples;
and as one gathers eggs that have been forsaken,
so I have gathered all the earth;
and there was none that moved a wing,
or opened its mouth, or chirped.'

Shall the axe vaunt itself over the one who wields it,
or the saw magnify itself against the one who handles it?

As if a rod should raise the one who lifts it up,
or as if a staff should lift the one who is not wood!

Therefore the Sovereign, the Lord of hosts,
will send wasting sickness among his stout warriors,
and under his glory a burning will be kindled,
like the burning of fire.

The light of Israel will become a fire,
and his Holy One a flame;
and it will burn and devour
his thorns and briars in one day.

The glory of his forest and his fruitful land
the Lord will destroy, both soul and body,
and it will be as when an invalid wastes away.

The remnant of the trees of his forest will be so few
that a child can write them down.

Canticle

A Song of the New Creation, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 28 \(page 579\)](#), [number 46 \(page 598\)](#) or [number 47 \(page 599\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.

1'I am the Lord, your Holy One, ☩
the Creator of Israel, your King.'

2Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, ☩
a path in the mighty waters,

3'Remember not the former things, ☩
nor consider the things of old.

4'Behold, I am doing a new thing; ☩
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

5'I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert, ☩
to give drink to my chosen people,

6'The people whom I formed for myself, ☩
that they might declare my praise.'

Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21

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 will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

Matthew 7.13-end

Jesus said to the crowds, 'Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

'Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?" Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers."

'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

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

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,

All my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.

The heavens bear witness to your wonders;

All will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

The assembly of your saints proclaims your truth;

All my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

All will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,

my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.

from Psalm 89

Gospel Cantic

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:

All You will guide us with your counsel, O God,
and afterwards receive us with glory.

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 You will guide us with your counsel, O God,
and afterwards receive us with glory.

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 364–365](#)

- ¶ The saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven
- ¶ All people, that they may hear and believe the word of God
- ¶ All who fear the winter months
- ¶ All sovereigns and political leaders, that they may imitate the righteous rule of Christ
- ¶ All who grieve or wait with the dying

A form of prayer found [on page 384](#) 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

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he 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

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
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)

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
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

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,

bring us to reign with him in glory.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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