

☩ Morning Prayer

from All Saints' Day until

the day before the First Sunday of Advent

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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.

2My 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 11

Refrain: The Lord's throne is in heaven.

1 In the Lord have I taken refuge; □

how then can you say to me,

'Flee like a bird to the hills,

2 'For see how the wicked bend the bow

and fit their arrows to the string, □

to shoot from the shadows at the true of heart.

3 'When the foundations are destroyed, □

what can the righteous do?' R

4 The Lord is in his holy temple; □

the Lord's throne is in heaven.

5 His eyes behold, □

his eyelids try every mortal being.

6 The Lord tries the righteous as well as the wicked, □

but those who delight in violence his soul abhors.

7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire

and burning sulphur; □

scorching wind shall be their portion to drink.

8 For the Lord is righteous;

he loves righteous deeds, □

and those who are upright shall behold his face.

Refrain: The Lord's throne is in heaven.

God of heaven,

when the foundations are shaken

and there is no escape,

test us, but not to destruction,
look on the face of your anointed
and heal us in Jesus Christ your Son.

Psalm 15

Refrain: Through the greatness of your mercy,
I will come into your house.

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? □
Who may rest upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life □
and does the thing that is right;

3 Who speaks the truth from the heart □
and bears no deceit on the tongue;

4 Who does no evil to a friend □
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;

5 In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, □
but who honours those who fear the Lord.

6 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour □
and never goes back on that word;

7 Who does not lend money in hope of gain, □
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;

8 Whoever does these things □
shall never fall.

Refrain: Through the greatness of your mercy,
I will come into your house.

Lord, lead us to our heavenly home
by single steps of self-restraint
and deeds of righteousness;
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 148

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord.

1 Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; ☩
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you his angels; ☩
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; ☩
praise him, all you stars of light.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, ☩
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; ☩
for he commanded and they were created.

6 He made them fast for ever and ever; ☩
he gave them a law which shall not pass away. R

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, ☩
you sea monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and mist, ☩
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills, ☩
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, ☩
creeping things and birds on the wing;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, ☩
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and women,
old and young together; ☩
let them praise the name of the Lord.

13 For his name only is exalted, □
his splendour above earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants, □
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Alleluia.

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord.

O glorious God,
your whole creation sings your marvellous work;
may heaven's praise so echo in our hearts
that we may be good stewards of the earth;
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.

Daniel 3.1-18

King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, the herald proclaimed aloud, 'You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.' Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshipped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, 'O king, live for ever! You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs

of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up.'

Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king.

Nebuchadnezzar said to them, 'Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?'

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defence to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.'

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.

Revelation 3.1-13

To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:

I know your works; you have a name for being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is at the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. Remember then what you received and heard; obey it, and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. Yet you have still a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not blot your name out of the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of the holy one, the true one,
who has the key of David,
who opens and no one will shut,
who shuts and no one opens:

I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

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 Canticle

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 Christ gave them as a light to the nations
that his salvation might reach to the ends of the earth.

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.

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.

9In the tender compassion of our God □

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10To 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

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.

Refrain:

AllChrist gave them as a light to the nations

that his salvation might reach to the ends of the earth.

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

God, the Saviour of all,

you sent your bishop Willibrord from this land

to proclaim the good news to many peoples

and confirm them in their faith:

help us also to witness to your steadfast love

by word and deed

so that your Church may increase

and grow strong in holiness;

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

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,

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)

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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