



# GENEROSITY WEEK

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND



# Morning Prayer

## Making a difference



# Day 5

# Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

We lift our voices to boast of our Lord Jesus Christ  
**through whom comes the salvation of the world.**

Recalling his sacrifice in love,  
**let us meet him in this place.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, overflowing in love.

Your Son gave us a new commandment  
that we should love one another as he love us.

In the path of suffering, his perfect sacrifice reveals to us  
the purest expression of grace and love.

On a hill of darkness he carried that judgement for the world:  
greater love has no one than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, redeemer of the world.

**Blessed be God 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.

**Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Psalmody: Psalm 86.1-8

**Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.**

- 1** Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2** Preserve my soul, for I am faithful;  
save your servant, for I put my trust in you.
- 3** Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;  
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4** Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5** For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- 6** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer  
and listen to the voice of my supplication.
- 7** In the day of my distress I will call upon you,  
for you will answer me.
- 8** Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,  
nor any works like yours.

**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.**

**Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.**

# Canticle: A Song of Deliverance

**All the earth, shout and sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

- 1 'Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust and will not be afraid;
- 2 'For the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.'
- 3 With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.
- 4 On that day you will say,  
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
- 5 'Make known his deeds among the nations,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.
- 6 'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously;  
let this be known in all the world.
- 7 'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

**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 the earth, shout and sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One**

# Scripture Reading

So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

*1 Kings 17.10-16*

## Responsory

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

**so that everyone who believes in him**

**may not perish but have eternal life.**

God sent his Son into the world

that the world might be saved through him.

**God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.**

No one takes his life from him,

the Son lays down his life of his own accord.

**God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,**

**so that everyone who believes in him**

**may not perish but have eternal life.**

*from John 3.16; 10.18*

# Gospel Canticle

**God's love for us is revealed  
in that, while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for 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*

**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.**

**God's love for us is revealed  
in that, while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us.**

# Prayers

*Intercessions are offered, and may conclude;*

Eternal God,  
in the cross of Jesus  
we see the cost of our sin  
and the depth of your love:  
in humble hope and fear  
may we place at his feet  
all that we have and all that we are,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Kneeling at the foot of the cross  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**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.**

# The Conclusion

Guide us in your ways, O Lord,  
and may our sacrifice of praise  
be worthy in your sight,  
to the glory of your Son,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.

**Amen.**

The God of love, who gave his only Son,  
bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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