



GENEROSITY WEEK

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



Morning Prayer

Thankfulness



Day 8

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

May your love abide in us,
as we love in truth and action.

Your works, O Lord, are great and mighty;
we give you thanks with our whole heart.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You supply strength to those who serve
and words to those who speak.
You teach us to love our neighbours as ourselves,
to be hospitable to one another
and to serve one another with whatever gift we have received.
Through your wisdom,
we learn the joy of giving -
a pure expression of love and grace;
blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
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 111

**A good understanding have those
who live by the works of the Lord;
his praise endures for ever.**

- 1 Alleluia.
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.
- 2 The works of the Lord are great,
sought out by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and honour
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gave food to those who feared him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He showed his people the power of his works
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are truth and justice;
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever;
they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live by it;
his praise endures for ever.

**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.**

**A good understanding have those
who live by the works of the Lord;
his praise endures for ever.**

Canticle: Song Creation

- 1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 2 Bless the Lord you heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 4 Bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 5 O people of God bless the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

The Song of the Three 35-37, 60-65

**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.**

**Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

Scripture Reading

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12.1-13

Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.

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that glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

That glory may dwell in our land.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Gospel Canticle

**Rejoice and be glad,
for the Lord has done great things!**

- 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.**

**Rejoice and be glad,
for the Lord has done great things!**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered, and may conclude;

O Lord, from whom all good things come:
grant to us your humble servants,
that by your holy inspiration
we may think those things that are good,
and by your merciful guiding may perform the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's faithful provision,
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

The Lord our God, whose works are manifold and generous,
bless us and preserve us.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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