

Morning Prayer

Third Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

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The Gathering ...

Welcome and introduction

Preparation

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

Your faithful servants bless you.
**they make known
the glory of your kingdom.**

Song of Thanksgiving

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

Blessed be God for ever.

Psalm Song

As pants the hart for cooling streams
when heated in the chase,
so longs my soul,
O God, for thee, and thy refreshing grace.

For thee, my God, the living God,

My thirsty soul doth pine:
O when shall I behold thy face,
thou majesty divine?

Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
the praise of him who is thy God,
thy health's eternal spring.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Text: psalm 42 in New Version (Tate and Brady, 1696)

*Music: 'Martyrdom' Hugh Wilson
(HON New Anglican Edition 38)*

Invitatory

The night has passed,
and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Time of silence

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

Psalmody

Keep me as the apple of your eye

Whoever dwells in the shelter
of the Most High *
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

Shall say to the Lord,
'My refuge and my stronghold, *
my God, in whom I put my trust'.

For he shall deliver you
from the snare of the fowler*
and from the deadly pestilence.

He shall cover you with his wings
and you shall be safe under his feathers;*
his faithfulness shall be your shield
and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,*
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,*
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.

Though a thousand fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand,*
yet it shall not come near you.

Your eyes have only to behold*
to see the reward of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord
your refuge*
and the Most High your stronghold,

there shall be no evil happen to you*
neither shall any plague
come near to your tent.

For he shall give his angels charge over you,*
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands,*
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder;*
the young lion and the serpent
you shall trample underfoot.

Because they have set their love upon me,
Therefore will I deliver them;*
I will lift them up,
because they know my name.

They will call upon me,
and I will answer them;*
I am with them in trouble
I will deliver them and bring them to honour:

With long life will I satisfy them *
and show them my salvation.

Psalm 91

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye

Psalm Prayer

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
and, as you have bound us to yourself in love,
leave us not who call upon your name,
but grant us your salvation
made known in the cross
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canticle

**I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert**

'I am the Lord, your Holy One,*
The Creator of Israel, your King.'

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

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

Behold, I am doing a new thing,*
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

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

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

Isaiah 43 : 15-16, 18-19, 20c, 21

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and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit.
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is now and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

**I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert**

Scripture reading

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.

For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*1 Timothy 2: 1-7
from the Anglican Lectionary for the day, NRSV*

Responsory

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness

The heavens bear witness to your wonders;
I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord

The assembly of your saints
proclaims your truth;
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness

Righteousness and justice
are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you
I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness
from psalm 89

Benedictus (Gospel Canticle)

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

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,*
who has come to his people
and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,*
born of the house of his servant, David.

Through his holy prophets
God promised of old*
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

To show mercy to our ancestors,*
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God
swore to our father, Abraham:*
to set us free
from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear.*
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called
the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord
to prepare his way,

to give his people knowledge of salvation*
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God*
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

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 be 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,
world without end. Amen**

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

Intercession...

We pray for the world, the church, each other, and ourselves

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds
of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
which 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 them
that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Lighting of the candles

During the following prayers, three candles are lit

Father of all,
who loves all that you have made,
bless us as we light these candles
in sorrow and in hope,
and as we claim your promise
and share in your light,
the light no darkness can overcome.

We light this candle, as we pray for all who
suffer as a result of conflict:
for the service men and women, and civilians
who have died in the violence of war,
each one known and loved and held by you,
We ask peace, strength and hope
Lord of peace and justice
Hear our prayer

For all who mourn,
for families shattered by war and violence,
for those who live with families
changed by challenging injuries,
and for those who work to bring
them healing and comfort.
We ask peace, strength and hope
Lord of peace and justice
Hear our prayer

For all members of the armed forces
who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends
and all who pray for their safe return;
We ask peace, strength and hope
Lord of peace and justice
Hear our prayer

We light this candle as we pray
for you to strengthen us in our commitment
to be bearers of light in your world,
to work toward the coming of your kingdom
we pray...
For an end to prejudice and fear
that causes division,
the anger and hatreds of humanity.
For peacemakers and peace keepers,
who seek to build a world where people
are safe and free;
flood our hearts with your love
and help us to learn from the past
and build a brighter future.
We pray for all in government and leadership,
political, military and religious,
for gifts of wisdom and compassion
in the search for reconciliation
and peace through justice.
We ask peace, strength and hope
Lord of peace and justice
Hear our prayer

We light this candle as we pray in thanksgiving
for the light and love
you shine upon our world
for your presence in all places of darkness
and your redeeming love
that lifts and holds
those who are in sorrow and pain
that guides and leads us in the right paths
God, our refuge and our strength
be a light to our paths,
and help us to bear your light into the world

Two minutes silence and act of remembrance

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his safekeeping,
those who have died for their country in war;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of the peoples of the world.
Amen

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
we will remember them.
We will remember them

Two minutes silence is signalled by the 'Last post'
and the 'Rouse'

When you go home
Tell them of us, and say,
'for your tomorrow, we gave our today'

Hymn

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow brief life's span.

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

*Text: Fred Kaan
Music: 'Picardy' trad
(HON New Anglican 139a)*

**Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have
gathered
from the storms of war into the peace
of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the
nations
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.**

Blessing and departure

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

and the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you
now and always
Amen

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God