

Morning Prayer
Sunday 23 August 2020
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Preparation

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

The Benedicite – a Song of Creation (shorter version)

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

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

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him 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

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 104.1-25

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

You are clothed with majesty and honour,
wrapped in light as in a garment.

You spread out the heavens like a curtain
and lay the beams of your dwelling place in the waters above.

You make the clouds your chariot
and ride on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers
and flames of fire your servants.

You laid the foundations of the earth,
that it never should move at any time.

You covered it with the deep like a garment;
the waters stood high above the hills.

At your rebuke they fled;
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

They rose up to the hills and flowed down to the valleys beneath,
to the place which you had appointed for them.

You have set them their bounds that they should not pass,
nor turn again to cover the earth.

You send the springs into the brooks,
which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field,
and the wild asses quench their thirst.

Beside them the birds of the air make their nests
and sing among the branches.

You water the hills from your dwelling on high;
the earth is filled with the fruit of your works.

You make grass to grow for the cattle
and plants to meet our needs,

Bringing forth food from the earth
and wine to gladden our hearts,

Oil to give us a cheerful countenance
and bread to strengthen our hearts.

The trees of the Lord are full of sap,
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

In which the birds build their nests,
while the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork.

The mountains are a refuge for the wild goats
and the stony cliffs for the conies.

You appointed the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows the time for its setting.

You make darkness that it may be night,
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

The lions roar for their prey
and seek their food from God.

The sun rises and they are gone
to lay themselves down in their dens.

People go forth to their work
and to their labour until the evening.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

*Creator God,
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,
that the whole creation,
in its groaning and striving,
may know your loving purpose
and come to reflect your glory;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

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.

Canticle

A Song of David

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.**

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,
for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.

Riches and honour come from you
and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might;
yours it is to give power and strength to all.

And now we give you thanks, our God,
and praise your glorious name.

For all things come from you,
and of your own have we given you.

I Chronicles 29.10b-13, 14b

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Scripture Reading

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16. 13-20

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not

prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead
And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.
Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.
Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

And Christ shall give you light.
When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

from Colossians 3

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

**You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of your servant David.**

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 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.**

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born of the house of your servant David.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered
for the day and its tasks
for the world and its needs
for the Church and her life

The universal Church
Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church
The leaders of the nations
The natural world and the resources of the earth
All who are in any kind of need

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

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O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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