

**Morning Prayer on Sunday
14 June 2020
The First Sunday after Trinity**

Preparation

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

or 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 45

*Behold our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.*

My heart is astir with gracious words;
as I make my song for the king,
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

You are the fairest of men;
full of grace are your lips,
for God has blest you for ever.

Gird your sword upon your thigh, O mighty one;
gird on your majesty and glory.

Ride on and prosper in the cause of truth
and for the sake of humility and righteousness.

Your right hand will teach you terrible things;
your arrows will be sharp in the heart of the king's enemies,
so that peoples fall beneath you.

Your throne is God's throne, for ever;
the sceptre of your kingdom is the sceptre of righteousness.

You love righteousness and hate iniquity;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia;
from ivory palaces the music of strings makes you glad.

Kings' daughters are among your honourable women;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;
forget your own people and your father's house.

So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your lord, so do him honour.

The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.

The king's daughter is all glorious within;
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.

She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework;
after her the virgins that are her companions.

With joy and gladness shall they be brought
and enter into the palace of the king.

'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons,
whom you shall make princes over all the land.

'I will make your name to be remembered through all generations;
therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.'

*Behold our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.*

*Lord our God,
bring your bride, your holy Church,
with joy to the marriage feast of heaven,
and unite us with your anointed Son,
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.

1 Chronicles 29.10b-13, 14b

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Scripture Reading

The Gospel

Matthew 9. 35 -10. 23

The Harvest Is Great, the Labourers Few

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

The Twelve Apostles

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

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.**

**You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
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*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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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