

**Morning Prayer**  
**Sunday 28 June 2020**  
**The Third 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 52*

*I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.*

Why do you glory in evil, you tyrant,  
while the goodness of God endures continually?

You plot destruction, you deceiver;  
your tongue is like a sharpened razor.

You love evil rather than good,  
falsehood rather than the word of truth.

You love all words that hurt,  
O you deceitful tongue.

Therefore God shall utterly bring you down;  
he shall take you and pluck you out of your tent  
and root you out of the land of the living.

The righteous shall see this and tremble;  
they shall laugh you to scorn, and say:

‘This is the one who did not take God for a refuge,  
but trusted in great riches and relied upon wickedness.’

But I am like a spreading olive tree in the house of God;  
I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.

I will always give thanks to you for what you have done;  
I will hope in your name,  
for your faithful ones delight in it.

*I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.*

*Faithful and steadfast God,  
nourish your people in this wicked world,  
and, through prayer and the Scriptures,  
give us our daily bread;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

### *Psalm 53*

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*

The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'  
Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness;  
there is no one that does good.

God has looked down from heaven upon the children of earth,  
to see if there is anyone who is wise and seeks after God.

They are all gone out of the way;  
all alike have become corrupt;  
there is no one that does good, no not one.

Have they no knowledge, those evildoers,  
who eat up my people as if they ate bread,  
and do not call upon God?

There shall they be in great fear,  
such fear as never was;  
for God will scatter the bones of the ungodly.

They will be put to shame,  
because God has rejected them.

O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion!  
When God restores the fortunes of his people  
then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*

*Without you, O God, nothing is real,  
all things are open to corruption  
and we are deadened by deceit;  
do not abandon us to our folly,  
but give us hearts that seek you  
and, at the last, joy in your heavenly city;  
through 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*

**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.**

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

Scripture Reading

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Matthew 10. 40-end**

#### *Rewards*

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

*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*

The Benedictus

**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

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
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

**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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