

**Morning Prayer**  
**Sunday 12 July 2020**  
**The Fifth 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 65**

*Be joyful in God, all the earth.*

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;  
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;  
when our misdeeds prevail against us,  
you will purge them away.

Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there.  
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,  
even of your holy temple.

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.

In your strength you set fast the mountains  
and are girded about with might.

You still the raging of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves  
and the clamour of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth  
tremble at your marvels;  
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

You visit the earth and water it;  
you make it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water;  
you prepare grain for your people,  
for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness  
and the hills be girded with joy.

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep  
and the valleys stand so thick with corn  
that they shall laugh and sing.

*Be joyful in God, all the earth.*

*May the richness of your creation, Lord,  
and the mystery of your providence  
lead us to that heavenly city  
where all peoples will bring their wealth,  
forsake their sins and find their true joy,  
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;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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## Scripture Reading

### Gospel Reading

#### Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23

#### The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

#### The Parable of the Sower Explained

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

These responses may be used

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

Silence may be kept.

**The Collect of the day is said**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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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