

**Morning Prayer**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**  
**The Eighth 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 85

*Show us your mercy, O Lord.*

Lord, you were gracious to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the offence of your people  
and covered all their sins.

You laid aside all your fury  
and turned from your wrathful indignation.

Restore us again, O God our Saviour,  
and let your anger cease from us.

Will you be displeased with us for ever?  
Will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?

Will you not give us life again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,  
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,  
that they turn not again to folly.

Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

Truth shall spring up from the earth  
and righteousness look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed give all that is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him  
and direct his steps in the way.

*Show us your mercy, O Lord.*

*Most holy God,  
when we come to you fearing that  
truth condemns us,  
show us that truth is one with love  
in your Word made flesh,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

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

**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 14. 13-21

#### Feeding the Five Thousand

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*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

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Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
    both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
    and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
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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