

**Morning Prayer**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020**  
**The Ninth 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 88

*You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.*

O Lord, God of my salvation,  
I have cried day and night before you.

Let my prayer come into your presence;  
incline your ear to my cry.

For my soul is full of troubles;  
my life draws near to the land of death.

I am counted as one gone down to the Pit;  
I am like one that has no strength,

Lost among the dead,  
like the slain who lie in the grave,

Whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.

You have laid me in the lowest pit,  
in a place of darkness in the abyss.

Your anger lies heavy upon me,  
and you have afflicted me with all your waves.

You have put my friends far from me  
and made me to be abhorred by them.

I am so fast in prison that I cannot get free;  
my eyes fail from all my trouble.

Lord, I have called daily upon you;  
I have stretched out my hands to you.

Do you work wonders for the dead?  
Will the shades stand up and praise you?

Shall your loving-kindness be declared in the grave,  
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

Shall your wonders be known in the dark  
or your righteous deeds in the land where all is forgotten?

But as for me, O Lord, I will cry to you;  
early in the morning my prayer shall come before you.

Lord, why have you rejected my soul?  
Why have you hidden your face from me?

I have been wretched and at the point of death from my youth;  
I suffer your terrors and am no more seen.

Your wrath sweeps over me;  
your horrors are come to destroy me;

All day long they come about me like water;  
they close me in on every side.

Lover and friend have you put far from me  
and hid my companions out of my sight.

*You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.*

*In the depths of our isolation  
we cry to you, Lord God;  
give light in our darkness  
and bring us out of the prison of our despair  
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.

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.**

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### Scripture Reading

### Gospel Reading

**Matthew 14. 22-33**

### Jesus Walks on the Water

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

*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 God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;

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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