

## Prayers

*Intercessions are offered*

† *for the day and its tasks*

† *for the world and its needs*

† *for the Church and her life*

*We respond*

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect of the day or the following is said*

Lord our God,  
as with all creation  
we offer you the life of this new day,  
give us grace to love and serve you  
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

## The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Morning Prayer (*Monday 7th Sept — Saturday 19th Sept*)

O Lord, open our lips

**All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Blessed are you, creator God,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters  
bringing light and life to your creation,  
pour out your Spirit on us today  
that we may walk as children of light  
and by your grace reveal your presence.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## A Song of God's Compassion

- 1 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 2 He will not always accuse us,  
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- 3 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 4 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.
- 5 As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he set our sins from us.
- 6 As a father has compassion on his children,  
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.
- 7 For he knows of what we are made;  
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 8 Our days are but as grass;  
we flourish as a flower of the field;
- 9 For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,  
and its place shall know it no more.
- 10 But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old  
and endures for ever on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness on children's children;
- 11 On those who keep his covenant  
and remember his commandments to do them.

**All Amen.**

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.

**All Amen.**

**Psalmody - The appointed Psalm is said..... and ending with**

**All Glory be 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.**

**1st Reading - A Reading from Scripture**

**Canticle - A Song of Deliverance**

**All All the earth, shout and sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

- 1 'Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust and will not be afraid;
- 2 'For the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.'
- 3 With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.
- 4 On that day you will say,  
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
- 5 'Make known his deeds among the nations,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.
- 6 'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously;  
let this be known in all the world.
- 7 'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

**All Amen**

**All All the earth, shout and sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

**2nd Reading - A Reading from Scripture**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.

**All Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge him  
and he will make straight your paths.

**All Trust in the Lord with all your heart.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.**

**Gospel Canticle**

**The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)**

**All You have set us free to worship you without far,  
Holy and righteous in your sight.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of  
death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**All Glory be 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.**

**All You have set us free to worship you without far,  
Holy and righteous in your sight.**