

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

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
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 19th—Saturday 31st October)

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.

Opening Canticle - The Venite - A Song of Triumph

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
- 8 O that today you would listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my works.
- 10 'Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
- 11 'So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest."

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

Old Testament Canticle - A Song of Humility

**All Raise us up, O God,
that we may live in your presence.**

- 1 Come, let us return to the Lord
who has torn us and will heal us.
- 2 God has stricken us
and will bind up our wounds.
- 3 After two days, he will revive us,
and on the third day will raise us up,
that we may live in his presence.
- 4 Let us strive to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the sunrise.
- 5 He will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.
- 6 'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you?
How shall I deal with you, O Judah?
- 7 'Your love for me is like the morning mist,
like the dew that goes early away.
- 8 'Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets,
and my judgement goes forth as the light.
- 9 'For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice,
and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.'

All Amen

**All Raise us up, O God,
that we may live in your presence.**

2nd Reading - A Reading from Scripture

Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.

**All Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.**

Make haste to help me,
O Lord of my salvation.

All Be not far from me, O my God.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.**

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

**All Give your people knowledge of salvation, O God,
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

- 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.

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