

Morning Prayer Live in the Watershed Benefice

Use this resource for our online Facebook morning service, joining in with the words in bold

You may wish to light a candle.

Opening Sentences

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him. (Nahum 1.7)

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God.

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.**

Bible Readings

We'll be using the Psalm and New Testament readings from the Lectionary.

After the Psalm we say together

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger; order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of intercession are offered. Please remember that you can send these to us before the service, or in the Facebook comment box whilst the service is live.

The Lord's Prayer

**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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