

Morning Prayer

from the day after Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Preparation

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.
Blessed be God for ever.

A Song of God's Righteousness

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦ and all that is within me bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦ and forget not all his benefits;
- 3 Who forgives all your sins ♦ and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 Who redeems your life from the Pit ♦ and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, ♦ so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness ♦ and judgement for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses ♦ and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord has established his throne in heaven, ♦ and his kingdom has dominion over all.
- 9 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, ♦
you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 10 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, ♦ you ministers of his who do his will.
- 11 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; ♦ bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 103.1–7, 19–22

**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.**

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

**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 Ezekiel,

Refrain: The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.

- 1 I will take you from the nations, ♦ and gather you from all the countries.
- 2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you, ♦ and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.
- 3 A new heart I will give you, ♦ and put a new spirit within you,
- 4 And I will remove from your body the heart of stone ♦ and give you a heart of flesh.
- 5 You shall be my people, ♦ and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36.24–26, 28b

**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.**
The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.

Scripture Reading

Responsory

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord, pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the glorious liberty of the children of God.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.

cf Romans 8

Gospel Canticle: The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

Refrain: Christ has gone up on high and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.

- 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.

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.**

Christ has gone up on high and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.

Prayers

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

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

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
Our Father, who art in heaven ...

The Conclusion

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.