

## ¶ *Morning Prayer - from All Saints' Day until the day before the First Sunday of Advent*

### **Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips

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

Your faithful servants bless you.

**All They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

ruler and judge of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of this age that is passing away

may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy

surround our steps as we journey on.

May we reflect your glory this day

and so be made ready to see your face

in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

### *A Song of Trust in God*

1 As the deer longs for the water brooks, ◆  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; ◆  
when shall I come before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my bread day and night, ◆  
while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'

4 Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: ◆  
how I went with the multitude  
and led the procession to the house of God,

- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, ♦  
among those who kept holy day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, ♦  
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 O put your trust in God; ♦  
for I will yet give him thanks,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

*Psalm 42.1-7*

**All 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.

**All Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

*Psalmody*

*The appointed psalmody is said.*

*Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**All 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.**

### *First reading*

#### *Canticle*

*A Song of the New Creation,*

**All I will make a way in the wilderness,  
and rivers in the desert.**

- 1 'I am the Lord, your Holy One, ♦  
the Creator of Israel, your King.'
- 2 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, ♦  
a path in the mighty waters,
- 3 'Remember not the former things, ♦  
nor consider the things of old.
- 4 'Behold, I am doing a new thing; ♦  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
- 5 'I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the  
desert, ♦  
to give drink to my chosen people,
- 6 'The people whom I formed for myself, ♦  
that they might declare my praise.'

*Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21*

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and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All I will make a way in the wilderness,  
and rivers in the desert.**

### *Second reading*

*A responsory*

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,

**All my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

The heavens bear witness to your wonders;

**All I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

The assembly of your saints proclaims your truth;

**All my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

**All I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,  
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

*from Psalm 89*

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

**All You will guide us with your counsel, O God,  
and afterwards receive us with glory.**

- 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*

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 and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning is now  
 and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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 and afterwards receive us with glory.**

## Prayers

*Intercessions are offered*

- ¶ *for the day and its tasks*
- ¶ *for the world and its needs*
- ¶ *for the Church and her life*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Silence may be kept.*

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

Almighty God,

you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship

in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
give us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said,*

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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

## **The Conclusion**

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,  
bring us to reign with him in glory.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**