

Morning Prayer Lent

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,

All according to your judgement give us life.

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,
your light breaks forth like the dawn
and your healing springs up for deliverance.

As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

HYMN

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found:
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

***My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
and like a flood His mercy reigns.***

***Unending love,
amazing grace.***

**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
will be forever mine.**

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My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
and like a flood His mercy reigns.
Unending love,
amazing grace.***

This opening prayer may be said

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 Scripture readings

Psalm 23 said together

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long

**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.**

Ephesians 5:8-14

HYMN

**Bless the Lord, my soul
And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life**

The Gospel John 9: 1-41 The healing of the man born blind

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A short reflection

Responsory

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
All O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation,
All To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long.
All O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

**All To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust.**

from Psalm 25

Gospel Canticle - The Benedictus said together

- 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

**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 Prayers

The response

Jesus Light of the World

scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism,
your Son has made us children of light.

May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven ...

HYMN (to tune Danny Boy)

1 I cannot tell how he whom angels worship
should stoop to love the peoples of the earth,
or why as shepherd he should seek the wanderers
with his mysterious promise of new birth.

But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
when Bethlehem's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the saviour, saviour of the world, is come.

2 I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
nor how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.

But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
for still the saviour, saviour of the world, is here.

4 I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all our hearts with love for him are filled.
But this I know, the skies will sound his praises,
ten thousand thousand human voices sing,
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
'At last the saviour, saviour of the world, is king!'

The Conclusion

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.
All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.