

Morning Prayer – Sunday 19th April 2020

The Acclamation of Christ at the Dawning of the Day ↑

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O come, let us sing to the Lord; ♦

let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation. *R*

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ♦

and be glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God ♦

and a great king above all gods. *R*

Come, let us worship and bow down ♦

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God; ♦

we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *R*

**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.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your dawn renews the face of the earth

bringing light and life to all creation,

may we rejoice in this day you have made;

as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,

open our eyes to behold your presence

and strengthen our hands to do your will,

that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

after Lancelot Andrewes (1626)

A lamp or candle may be lit.

The Lord is my light and my salvation:

my God shall make my darkness to be bright.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise

to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,

dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light

and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All Blessed be God for ever.

1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

2 Bless the Lord you heavens: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

- 3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 4 Bless the Lord all people on earth: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 5 O people of God bless the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: ♦
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

The Song of the Three 35-37, 60-65

**All Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

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 Word of God

Psalmody

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; ♦
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ♦
upon those who are noble in heart.
- 3 Though the idols are legion that many run after, ♦
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
- 4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; ♦
in your hands alone is my fortune.
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land; ♦
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, ♦
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
- 7 I have set the Lord always before me; ♦
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
- 8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; ♦
my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, ♦
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 10 You will show me the path of life; ♦
in your presence is the fullness of joy ♦

and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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**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.**

Canticle

Refrain:

**All Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.**

- 1 Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, ♦
for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
- 2 Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; ♦
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.
- 3 Riches and honour come from you ♦
and you rule over all.
- 4 In your hand are power and might; ♦
yours it is to give power and strength to all.
- 5 And now we give you thanks, our God, ♦
and praise your glorious name.
- 6 For all things come from you, ♦
and of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29.10b-13,14b

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Scripture Reading

First Reading:

Acts 2:14, 22-32

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men,^[a] put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.
²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.^[b]
²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb
is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would
place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of
the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has
raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Second Reading:

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked
for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After
he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.
²¹ Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' ²² And with that he
breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven;
if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'
²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus
came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and
put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'
²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were
locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put
your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'
²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'
²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not
seen and yet have believed.'
³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.
³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by
believing you may have life in his name.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

All And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

All And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears

you will appear with him in glory.

**All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

from Colossians 3

Gospel Cantic

Refrain:

**All You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of your servant David.**

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.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Risen Christ,
for whom the no door is locked,
or entranced barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road
of sacrifice and peace.

***All* Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

***All* Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

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.

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