

Morning Prayer on Wednesday †

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

One or more of the following is said or sung: a prayer of thanksgiving or a suitable hymn,

*Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.*

You founded the earth in the beginning
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
and in these last days you have spoken to us
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
your Spirit ever renew our lives
and your praises ever be on our lips.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

or A Song of God's Glorious Name

- 1 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths
of babes at the breast.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you
might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the
moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- 5 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?
- 6 You have made them little lower than the angels and crown
them with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands
and put all things under their feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves
in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the
world!

Psalm 8

**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.**

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

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.**

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

Canticle

A Song of the Word of the Lord, or another suitable canticle, for example, number 35 (here), may be said

Refrain:

All Return to the Lord, who will have mercy, to our God, who will richly pardon.

- 1 Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
- 2 Let the wicked abandon their ways, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
- 3 Return to the Lord, who will have mercy; to our God, who will richly pardon.
- 4 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' says the Lord.
- 5 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.'

- 6 'As the rain and the snow come down from above, and return
not again but water the earth,
7 'Bringing forth life and giving growth, seed for sowing and
bread to eat,
8 'So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; it will not return to me fruitless,
9 'But it will accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the task I gave it.'

Isaiah 55.6-11

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

**All Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

All And afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

from Psalm 73

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,

Refrain:

**All You show mercy to our ancestors,
and remember your holy covenant.**

- 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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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 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.
All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said (here)

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.