

**Morning Prayer on Sunday
13th September 2020**

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

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.**

Psalm 119.65-88

65 You have dealt graciously with your servant, ♦
according to your word, O Lord.
66 **O teach me true understanding and knowledge, ♦
for I have trusted in your commandments.**
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, ♦
but now I keep your word.
68 **You are gracious and do good; ♦
O Lord, teach me your statutes.**
69 The proud have smeared me with lies, ♦
but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.
70 **Their heart has become gross with fat, ♦
but my delight is in your law.**
71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, ♦
that I may learn your statutes.
72 **The law of your mouth is dearer to me ♦
than a hoard of gold and silver.**
73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; ♦
give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

**74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, ♦
because I have hoped in your word.**

75 I know, O Lord, that your judgements are right, ♦
and that in very faithfulness you caused me to be troubled.

**76 Let your faithful love be my comfort, ♦
according to your promise to your servant.**

77 Let your tender mercies come to me, that I may live, ♦
for your law is my delight.

**78 Let the proud be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; ♦
but I will meditate on your commandments.**

79 Let those who fear you turn to me, ♦
even those who know your testimonies.

**80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, ♦
that I may not be put to shame.**

81 My soul is pining for your salvation; ♦
I have hoped in your word.

**82 My eyes fail with watching for your word, ♦
while I say, 'O when will you comfort me?'**

83 I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, ♦
yet I do not forget your statutes.

**84 How many are the days of your servant? ♦
When will you bring judgement on those who persecute me?**

85 The proud have dug pits for me ♦
in defiance of your law.

**86 All your commandments are true; ♦
help me, for they persecute me with falsehood.**

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, ♦
but I have not forsaken your commandments.

**88 Give me life according to your loving-kindness; ♦
so shall I keep the testimonies of your mouth.**

**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.**

Faithful God,
let your word be the treasure of our hearts,
that we may delight in your truth
and walk in the glorious liberty of your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Canticle

**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.**

**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.**

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

A reading from Revelation 12.1-12

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun,

with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

There will be a brief time of silence before the Responsory for reflection

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead

And Christ shall give you light.

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

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

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

And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

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

The Benedictus

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

**+ Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**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.**

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

Prayers for the world, for others and for our parish will be offered, using
the response:

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said:

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**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. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God .

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