

**Morning Prayer on Tuesday**  
**Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258 [Lesser Festival]**  
**15th September 2020**

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

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.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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 5**

1 Give ear to my words, O Lord; ♦  
consider my lamentation.

**2 Hearken to the voice of my crying, my King and my God, ♦  
for to you I make my prayer.**

3 In the morning, Lord, you will hear my voice; ♦  
early in the morning I make my appeal to you, and look up.

**4For you are the God who takes no pleasure in wickedness; ♦  
no evil can dwell with you.**

5The boastful cannot stand in your sight; ♦  
you hate all those that work wickedness.

**6You destroy those who speak lies; ♦  
the bloodthirsty and deceitful the Lord will abhor.**

7But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy,  
I will come into your house; ♦

I will bow down towards your holy temple in awe of you.

**8Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness,  
because of my enemies; ♦**

**make your way straight before my face.**

9For there is no truth in their mouth,  
in their heart is destruction, ♦

their throat is an open sepulchre,  
and they flatter with their tongue.

**10Punish them, O God; ♦**

**let them fall through their own devices.**

11Because of their many transgressions cast them out, ♦  
for they have rebelled against you.

**12But let all who take refuge in you be glad; ♦  
let them sing out their joy for ever.**

13You will shelter them, ♦

so that those who love your name may exult in you.

**14For you, O Lord, will bless the righteous; ♦**

**and with your favour you will defend them as with a shield.**

**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.**

Lord, protect us from the deceit  
of flattering tongues and lying lips;  
give us words of life which speak your truth

and bless your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Canticle*

**Spirit of God, teach us your ways,  
that we may walk in the paths of peace.**

1 Come, let us go up to the mountain of God, ♦  
to the house of the God of Jacob;

**2That God may teach us his ways, ♦  
and that we may walk in his paths.**

3For the law shall go out from Zion, ♦  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

**4God shall judge between the nations, ♦  
and shall mediate for many peoples.**

5They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, ♦  
and their spears into pruning hooks.

**6Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, ♦  
neither shall they learn war any more.**

7O people of Jacob, come: ♦  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*Isaiah 2.3-5*

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

**Spirit of God, teach us your ways,  
that we may walk in the paths of peace.**

*A reading from Acts 13.44-14.7*

The next sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy; and blaspheming, they contradicted what was spoken by Paul. Then both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life, we

are now turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

“I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles,

so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” ’

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and praised the word of the Lord; and as many as had been destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their region. So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The same thing occurred in Iconium, where Paul and Barnabas went into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks became believers. But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who testified to the word of his grace by granting signs and wonders to be done through them. But the residents of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles. And when an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to maltreat them and to stone them, the apostles learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country; and there they continued proclaiming the good news.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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

Open my eyes, O Lord

that I may see the wonders of your law.

**Open my eyes, O Lord**

**that I may see the wonders of your law.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments

**that I may see the wonders of your law.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
Open my eyes, O Lord  
that I may see the wonders of your law.

*from Psalm 119*

*The Benedictus*

In your tender compassion, O God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

+ 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.**

**In your tender compassion, O God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

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:*

Holy God, who brought Cyprian to faith in Christ,  
made him a bishop in the Church  
and crowned his witness with a martyr's death:  
grant that, after his example,  
we may love the Church and her teachings,  
find your forgiveness within her fellowship  
and so come to share the heavenly banquet  
    you have prepared for us;  
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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