

**Morning Prayer on Sunday  
11th October 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 138**

1I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

**2I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness; ♦  
for you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things.**

3In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦  
you put new strength in my soul.

**4All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

5They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

**6Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦  
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.**

7Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you will preserve me; ♦  
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand will save me.

**8The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.**

### **Psalm 141**

**1O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; ♦  
hear my voice when I cry to you.**

**2Let my prayer rise before you as incense, ♦  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**3Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, ♦  
and guard the door of my lips;**

**4Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; ♦  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers,  
nor taste the pleasures of their table.**

**5Let the righteous smite me in friendly rebuke;  
but let not the oil of the unrighteous anoint my head; ♦  
for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.**

**6Let their rulers be overthrown in stony places; ♦  
then they may know that my words are sweet.**

**7As when a plough turns over the earth in furrows, ♦  
let their bones be scattered at the mouth of the Pit.**

**8But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; ♦  
in you I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless.**

**9Protect me from the snare which they have laid for me ♦  
and from the traps of the evildoers.**

**10Let the wicked fall into their own nets, ♦  
while I pass by in safety.**

**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 God, our protector and guide,  
who made us knowing both good and evil,  
help us to desire all that is good,

that the offering of our lives may be acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.

**2Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; ♦  
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,  
and you are exalted as head over all.**

3Riches and honour come from you ♦  
and you rule over all.

**4In your hand are power and might; ♦  
yours it is to give power and strength to all.**

5And now we give you thanks, our God, ♦  
and praise your glorious name.

**6For 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.**

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### *A reading from Luke 13.22-30*

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few be saved?' He said to them, 'Strive to enter through the

narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then in reply he will say to you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!" There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

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 and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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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