

**Morning Prayer on Tuesday – 13th October 2020**  
**Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066 [Lesser Festival]**

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 89.1-18**

1 My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: ♦  
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness  
throughout all generations.

**2 I will declare that your love is established for ever; ♦  
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.**

3For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; ♦  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**4' "Your seed will I establish for ever ♦  
and build up your throne for all generations." '**

5The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, ♦  
and your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;

**6For who among the clouds can be compared to the Lord? ♦  
Who is like the Lord among the host of heaven?**

7A God feared in the council of the holy ones, ♦  
great and terrible above all those round about him.

**8Who is like you, Lord God of hosts? ♦  
Mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you.**

9You rule the raging of the sea; ♦  
you still its waves when they arise.

**10You crushed Rahab with a deadly wound ♦  
and scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.**

11Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; ♦  
you established the world and all that fills it.

**12You created the north and the south; ♦  
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.**

13You have a mighty arm; ♦  
strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

**14Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; ♦  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before your face.**

15Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph: ♦  
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

**16In your name they rejoice all the day long ♦  
and are exalted in your righteousness.**

17For you are the glory of their strength, ♦  
and in your favour you lift up our heads.

**18Truly the Lord is our shield; ♦  
the Holy One of Israel is our king.**

**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.**

As we sing of your love, O Lord,  
anoint us with the Spirit's seal,  
that we may praise your faithfulness  
and proclaim your truth from age to age;  
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.**

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that we may walk in the paths of peace.**

*A reading from Acts 26.24-end*

While he was making this defence, Festus exclaimed, 'You are out of your mind, Paul! Too much learning is driving you insane!' But Paul said, 'I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking the sober truth. Indeed the king knows about these things, and to him I speak freely; for I am certain that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.' Agrippa said to Paul, 'Are you so quickly persuading me to become a Christian?' Paul replied, 'Whether quickly or not, I pray to God that not only you but also all who are listening to me today might become such as I am – except for these chains.' Then the king got up, and with him the governor and Bernice and those who had been seated with them; and as they were leaving, they said to one another, 'This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment.' Agrippa said to Festus, 'This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to the emperor.'

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.  
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**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*

**They were faithful unto death  
and God has given them the crown of life.**

**+ 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.**

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and God has given them the crown of life.**

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:*

Sovereign God,  
who set your servant Edward  
upon the throne of an earthly kingdom  
and inspired him with zeal for the kingdom of heaven:  
grant that we may so confess the faith of Christ  
by word and deed,  
that we may, with all your saints, inherit your eternal glory;  
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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