

Morning Prayer
from All Saints' Day until
the day before the First Sunday of Advent
Thursday, 26 November 2020

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

Your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your kingdom.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
ruler and judge of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of this age that is passing away
may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy
surround our steps as we journey on.
May we reflect your glory this day
and so be made ready to see your face
in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.
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 125

1Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, ♦
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2As the hills stand about Jerusalem, ♦
so the Lord stands round about his people,

from this time forth for evermore.

3The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway
over the land allotted to the righteous, ♦
lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.

**4Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, ♦
and to those who are true of heart.**

5Those who turn aside to crooked ways
the Lord shall take away with the evildoers; ♦
but let there be peace upon Israel.

Psalm 126

1When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, ♦
then were we like those who dream.

**2Then was our mouth filled with laughter ♦
and our tongue with songs of joy.**

3Then said they among the nations, ♦
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

**4The Lord has indeed done great things for us, ♦
and therefore we rejoiced.**

5Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, ♦
as the river beds of the desert.

**6Those who sow in tears ♦
shall reap with songs of joy.**

7Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, ♦
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

**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, as you send rain and flowers even to the wilderness,
renew us by your Holy Spirit,
help us to sow good seed in time of adversity
and to live to rejoice in your good harvest of all creation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Canticle

**I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.**

1'I am the Lord, your Holy One, ♦
the Creator of Israel, your King.'

2**Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, ♦
a path in the mighty waters,**

3'Remember not the former things, ♦
nor consider the things of old.

4'**Behold, I am doing a new thing; ♦
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?**

5'I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert, ♦

to give drink to my chosen people,

6'**The people whom I formed for myself, ♦
that they might declare my praise.'**

**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.**

**I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.**

A reading from Revelation 16.12-end

The sixth angel poured his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up in order to prepare the way for the kings from the east. And I saw three foul spirits like frogs coming from the mouth of the dragon, from the mouth of the beast, and from the mouth of the false prophet. These are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. ('See, I am

coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and is clothed, not going about naked and exposed to shame.’) And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Harmagedon. The seventh angel poured his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, ‘It is done!’ And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a violent earthquake, such as had not occurred since people were upon the earth, so violent was that earthquake. The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. God remembered great Babylon and gave her the wine-cup of the fury of his wrath. And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found; and huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, dropped from heaven on people, until they cursed God for the plague of the hail, so fearful was that plague.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.
The heavens bear witness to your wonders;
I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.
The assembly of your saints proclaims your truth;
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.

The Benedictus

**You will guide us with your counsel, O God,
and afterwards receive us with glory.**

**+ 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 will guide us with your counsel, O God,
and afterwards receive us with glory.**

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:

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God .

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