

**Morning Prayer**  
**from All Saints' Day until**  
**the day before the First Sunday of Advent**  
**Tuesday, 24 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 97**

1The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice; ♦  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**2Clouds and darkness are round about him; ♦**  
**righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

3Fire goes before him ♦  
and burns up his enemies on every side.

**4His lightnings lit up the world; ♦  
the earth saw it and trembled.**

5The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, ♦  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**6The heavens declared his righteousness ♦  
and all the peoples have seen his glory.**

7Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in mere idols. ♦

Bow down before him, all you gods.

**8Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, ♦  
because of your judgements, O Lord.**

9For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth; ♦  
you are exalted far above all gods.

**10The Lord loves those who hate evil; ♦  
he preserves the lives of his faithful**  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11Light has sprung up for the righteous ♦  
and joy for the true of heart.

**12Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, ♦  
and give thanks to his holy name.**

**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.**

Most high and holy God,  
enthroned in fire and light,  
burn away the dross of our lives  
and kindle in us the fire of your love,  
that our lives may reveal the light and life  
we find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **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.'

**2Thus 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 14.14-15.end*

Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, 'Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.' So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Then another angel came out from the altar, the

angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, 'Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.' So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and gathered the vintage of the earth, and he threw it into the great wine press of the wrath of God. And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the wine press, as high as a horse's bridle, for a distance of about two hundred miles.

Then I saw another portent in heaven, great and amazing: seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is ended.

And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb:

'Great and amazing are your deeds,  
Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways,  
King of the nations!  
Lord, who will not fear  
and glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come  
and worship before you,  
for your judgements have been revealed.'

After this I looked, and the temple of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, and out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues, robed in pure bright linen, with golden sashes across their chests. Then one of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever; and the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were ended.

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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