

Morning Prayer
from All Saints' Day until
the day before the First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, 21 November 2021
Christ the King
The Sunday next before Advent

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 29

1Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ♦
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
3The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders; ♦
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**4The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; ♦
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

5The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ♦
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6He makes Lebanon skip like a calf ♦
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

7The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; ♦
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**8The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare; ♦
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'**

9The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; ♦
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

**10The Lord shall give strength to his people; ♦
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

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.

Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ,
to hear the music of your voice
above the chaos of this world;
open our eyes to see the vision of your glory,
for you are our King, now and for ever. 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.'

Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21

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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 3.7-22

'And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:
These are the words of the holy one, the true one,
who has the key of David,
who opens and no one will shut,
who shuts and no one opens:

'I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but are lying – I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

'And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God's creation:

'I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. For you say, "I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing." You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsory

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.

Gospel Canticle

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

1Blessed be the Lord
the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.
2He has raised up for
us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.

3Through his holy prophets
God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
4To show mercy to our
ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.
5This was the oath God
swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6Free to worship him
without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
7And you, child, shall
be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8To give his people knowledge
of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9In the tender compassion
of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10To shine on those who
dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 afterwards receive us with glory.

Intercessions are offered
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**

The Lord's Prayer is said

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.**

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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