

Morning Worship

20 September

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help

All and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

Hymn Praise the Lord

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Praise the Lord! Ye heavens,
adore him;
praise him, angels, in the
height;
sun and moon, rejoice before
him,
praise him, all ye stars and
light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath
spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, which never shall be
broken,
for their guidance he hath
made.

Praise the Lord! for he is
glorious;
never shall his promise fail:
God hath made his saints
victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power
proclaim;
heaven and earth and all
creation,
laud and magnify his name!

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Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

This opening prayer may be said

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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 104.11-20

- 11 You send the springs into the brooks, ♦
which run among the hills.
- 12 They give drink to every beast of the field, ♦
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 13 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests ♦ ♦
and sing among the branches.
- 14 You water the hills from your dwelling on high; ♦
the earth is filled with the fruit of your works.
- 15 You make grass to grow for the cattle ♦
and plants to meet our needs,
- 16 Bringing forth food from the earth ♦
and wine to gladden our hearts,
- 17 Oil to give us a cheerful countenance ♦
and bread to strengthen our hearts.
- 18 The trees of the Lord are full of sap, ♦
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- 19 In which the birds build their nests, ♦
while the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork.
- 20 The mountains are a refuge for the wild goats ♦
and the stony cliffs for the conies.

**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.**

Scripture Readings

Job 38.22-30

'Have you entered the storehouses of the snow
or seen the storehouses of the hail,
²³ which I reserve for times of trouble,
for days of war and battle?
²⁴ What is the way to the place where the lightning is dispersed,
or the place where the east winds are scattered over the earth?
²⁵ Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain,
and a path for the thunderstorm,
²⁶ to water a land where no one lives,
an uninhabited desert,
²⁷ to satisfy a desolate wasteland
and make it sprout with grass?
²⁸ Does the rain have a father?
Who fathers the drops of dew?
²⁹ From whose womb comes the ice?
Who gives birth to the frost from the heavens
³⁰ when the waters become hard as stone,
when the surface of the deep is frozen?

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn Father, we love you

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Father, we love you,
we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the
earth.

Jesus, we love you,
we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the
earth.

Glorify your name,
glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the
earth.

Glorify your name,
glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the
earth.

Spirit, we love you,
we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the
earth.

glorify your name in all the
earth.

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Glorify your name,
glorify your name,

John 4.7-15

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'

¹¹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?'

¹³ Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

This responsory may be used

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.

All Your word brings on the dusk of evening.

Your wisdom creates both night and day.

All You determine the cycles of time.

You arrange the succession of seasons
and establish the stars in their heavenly courses.

All The Lord of hosts is your name.

Living and eternal God, rule over us always.

All Blessed be the Lord, whose word makes evening fall.

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 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.

The Sermon

(Please see separate page.)

The Creed

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Hymn

Jesus is Lord

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Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice
proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and
flower
was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe
declares it,
sun, moon and stars in heaven
cry, 'Jesus is Lord!'

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with hallelujahs
for Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his
throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain
on Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From him all life
proceeding,
yet gave his life a ransom
thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the
mighty conqueror,
from death he rose, and all his
foes
shall own his name.

Jesus is Lord! God sends his
Holy Spirit
to show by works of power
that Jesus is Lord.

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Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

The Collect / Prayer for Today is said

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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.**

OR

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All 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.**

OR

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**All 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.**

Hymn Great is thy faithfulness

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Great is thy faithfulness, O God
my Father,
there is no shadow of turning
with thee;
thou changest not, thy
compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever
wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new
mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath
provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord,
unto me!*

Summer and winter, and
springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their
courses above,

join with all nature in manifold
witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy
and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that
endureth,
thine own dear presence to
cheer and to guide;

strength for today and bright
hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten
thousand beside!

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The Conclusion

The Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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