

## *Morning Prayer for use on Thursdays during ordinary time –*

*the Monday after Pentecost until the day before All Saints Sunday and from the 30<sup>th</sup> January until Shrove Tuesday.*

### **Preparation**

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

### **A Song of God's Blessing**

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us  
 and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 That your way may be known upon earth,  
 your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
 let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
 for you will judge the peoples righteously  
 and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
 let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
 and God, our own God, will bless us.
- 7 God will bless us,  
 and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

*Psalm 67*

**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 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.**

### **The Word of God**

*The appointed psalms are said,  
 and each psalm or group of psalms may end with,*

**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.**

## **Canticle; A Song of the Covenant**

**Refrain: I have given you as a light to the nations,  
and I have called you in righteousness.**

- 1 Thus says God, who created the heavens,  
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;
- 2 Who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it,
- 3 'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
- 4 'I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
- 5 'To bring out the captives from the dungeon,  
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.
- 6 'I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other.'

*Isaiah 42.5-8a*

**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.**

**Refrain; Spirit of God, teach us your ways,  
that we may walk in the paths of peace.**

## **Scripture Reading**

### **A responsory follows**

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

**Fear not, for I have redeemed you.**

**I have called you by name; you are mine.**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

**I have called you by name; you are mine.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**Fear not, for I have redeemed you.**

**I have called you by name; you are mine.**

*from Isaiah 43*

## **Gospel Cantic: The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)**

**Refrain: You promised, O God, to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us.**

- 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.**

**Refrain: You promised, O God, to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us.**

### **Prayers**

*Intercessions are offered*

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

¶ *All who are sick in body, mind or spirit*

¶ *Those in the midst of famine or disaster*

¶ *Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice*

¶ *Those who are bereaved*

¶ *All who work in the medical and healing professions*

*We may use the response,*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

***The Collect of the day is said***

or

O God, the author of peace  
and lover of concord,  
to know you is eternal life,  
to serve you is perfect freedom.  
Defend us your servants  
from all assaults of our enemies;  
that we, surely trusting in your defence,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer is said***

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.**

**A Hymn** *may be sung.*

**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.**