

# Morning Prayer on Wednesdays

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

## The Benedicite – a Song of Creation (shorter version)

1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**2 Bless the Lord you heavens: ♦**  
**sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**4 Bless the Lord all people on earth: ♦**  
**sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

5 O people of God bless the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord: ♦**  
**sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: ♦  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: ♦**  
**bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.**

**All** Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: ♦  
**sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

*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

*The appointed psalmody is said.*

*Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**All** 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.

*If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.*

## **Canticle : A Song of David**

*Refrain:*

**All** *Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;  
you are exalted as head over all.*

1 Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, ◆  
for yours is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

**2 Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; ◆  
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,  
and you are exalted as head over all.**

3 Riches and honour come from you ◆  
and you rule over all.

**4 In your hand are power and might; ◆  
yours it is to give power and strength to all.**

5 And now we give you thanks, our God, ◆  
and praise your glorious name.

**6 For all things come from you, ◆  
and of your own have we given you.**

*1 Chronicles 29.10b-13,14b*

**All** 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.

**All** *Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;  
you are exalted as head over all.*

## Scripture Reading

*One or more readings appointed for the day are read.  
The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.*

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

**All And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on the earth.

**All And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears  
you will appear with him in glory.

**All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give you light.**

*from Colossians 3*

## Gospel Canticle The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

*Refrain:*

**All You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

**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*

**All 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.**

**All You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

## **Prayers**

*Intercessions are offered*

¶ for the day and its tasks

¶ for the world and its needs

¶ for the Church and her life

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

(or)

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **The Collect**

God of glory,

by the raising of your Son

you have broken the chains of death and hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope;

for a new day has dawned

and the way to life stands open

in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

***All* Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

## **The Conclusion**

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.**