

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

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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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.

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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.**