

Morning Prayer at St Mary's On Wednesdays

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Morning Prayer from Common Worship

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.**

Morning Prayer based on prayers from the Celtic Tradition

Opening Sentences

Leader: One thing I have asked of the Lord,
This is what I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord
All the days of my life;
To behold the beauty of the Lord
And to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:4

Opening Responses

Leader: Who is that you seek?

All: We seek the Lord our God.

Leader: Do you seek him with all your heart?

All: Amen, Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Do you seek him with all your soul?

All: Amen, Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Do you seek him with all your mind?

All: Amen, Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Do you seek him with all your strength?

All: Amen, Christ, have mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: There is one God and one mediator between heaven and earth,
the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all
people.

**All: To you, Lord, all hearts are open.
Forgive our secret sins
forgive our habitual sins
forgive our unnoticed sins;
our sins of thought,
word, and deed,
all that we have left undone;
our sins against ourselves,
our sins against others,
our sins against you,
all where we have fallen short of your
Glory and not done what you have
Called us to do. Amen.**

Leader: Eternal Light, shine in our hearts.

All: Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.

Leader: Eternal Power, be our support.

All: Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Leader: Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us;

**All: That with all our heart and mind and strength
we may seek thy face and be brought by thine infinite mercy
to thy holy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Prayer of St Alcuin (735-804)

Leader: Pour down upon us from heaven
the rich blessing of your forgiveness.
Grant to us, the Saviour of Glory,
the fear of God, the love of God
and his affection,
and the will of God to do on earth at all times
as angels and saints do in heaven.
In the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Prayer for God's Help

**All: Lord, open our eyes
And we shall behold your glory.**

**Lord, open our ears
and we shall hear your call.**

**Lord, open our hearts
and we shall know your love.**

**Lord, open our hands
and we shall show your generosity.**

**Lord, open our lives
and we shall reveal your glory.**

The Reading(s) for the Day (including any Psalm)

At the end of the readings the people say together:

**All: I pray you good Jesus that as you have given me the grace to
drink in with joy the word that gives knowledge of you, so in
your goodness you will grant me to come at length to
yourself, the source of all wisdom, to stand before your face
for ever.**

Thought on the Reading(s)

Declaration of Faith

All: We believe and trust
In God the Father almighty.
We believe and trust
in Jesus Christ his son.
We believe and trust
in the Spirit.
We believe and trust
in the three in one. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Let us call upon the Name of the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving,
trusting in the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. . .

Following the biddings we say together:

All: We beg you Lord, to help and defend us.
Deliver the oppressed,
pity the insignificant,
raise the fallen,
show yourself to the needy,
heal the sick,
bring back those of your people who have gone astray,
feed the hungry,
lift up the weak,
take off the prisoners' chains.
may every nation come to know that you are god alone,
that Jesus is your son,
that we are your people, the sheep of your pasture.

St Clement.

Leader Let us pray in the words taught us by our Saviour Jesus Christ...

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.
do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Collect for the Day

Silence

Blessing

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever he may send you,
May he guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders he has shown you,
May he bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Leader: Lord, you have welcomed us,
You have healed us
You have restored us
You have fed us
You have empowered us.
Send us out
to live and work to your glory.
Send us out
to reveal your Presence.
Send us out to declare your love.
Send us out to proclaim your goodness.
This day and always.

All: Amen.