

MORNING PRAYER — TRINITY 9

PREPARATION

✠ O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

OPENING CANTICLE—

‘BENEDICITE — A SONG OF CREATION’

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

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

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
bless the Lord all you his hosts;

**All bless the Lord you waters above the heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

Bless the Lord sun and moon:
bless the Lord you stars of heaven;

**All bless the Lord all rain and dew:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

Bless the Lord all winds that blow:
bless the Lord you fire and heat;

**All bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

Bless the Lord dews and falling snows:
bless the Lord you nights and days;

**All bless the Lord light and darkness:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

Bless the Lord frost and cold:
bless the Lord you ice and snow;

**All bless the Lord lightnings and clouds:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

O let the earth bless the Lord:
bless the Lord you mountains and hills;

**All bless the Lord all that grows in the ground:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

Bless the Lord you springs:
bless the Lord you seas and rivers;

**All bless the Lord you whales and all that swim in the waters:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

Bless the Lord all birds of the air:
bless the Lord you beasts and cattle;

All **bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

O people of God bless the Lord:
bless the Lord you priests of the Lord;

All **bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart;

bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:

All **sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

The Song of the Three, 35-65

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.**

HYMN

We listen prayerfully to a recording

**I owe my Lord a morning song
for God has meant this day.
Through fears of night and hidden light
God moves and wills my way.**

**I owe my Lord a morning song
for Jesus rose at dawn;
he made death die and would not lie
that others might live on.**

**I owe my Lord a morning song
The Spirit gave me voice,
nor did she force my soul to praise
but honoured me with choice.**

**I owe my Lord a morning song.
How can I help but sing
when God is all in all, and I
am one with ev'rything.**

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Refrain: I will listen to what the Lord God will say,

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly R

Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. R

Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other; R

Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from heaven. R

The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase. R

Refrain: I will listen to what the Lord God will say,

Psalm 85:8-13

Canticle

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Chronicles 29. 10b-13, 14b

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
All **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.

Epistle

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

Romans 10.5-15

Gospel

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’ Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

Matthew 14.22-33

RESPONSORY

Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead.

All And Christ shall give you life.

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

All Awake, O sleeper, and rise 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 life.

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

**All Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead.
and Christ shall give you life.**

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

✠ Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
 who has come to his people and set them free.

**All He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
 born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old
 to save us from our enemies,
 from the hands of all that hate us,

**All To show mercy to our ancestors,
 and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**All Free to worship him without fear,
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**All To give his people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**All 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;

**All as it was in the beginning is now
 and shall be for ever. Amen.**

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,

All born of the house of your servant David.

PRAYERS

We pray for God's grace.
 Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:
 through your Son you have redeemed us;
 in your Spirit you have made us your own.

We pray for ... *(the Church)*

Make our hearts respond to your love.

Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We pray for ... (*the world*)
Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.
Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We pray for ... (*the sick and those in need*)
Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.
Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for ...
Make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

**All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HYMN

We listen prayerfully to a recording

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!**

**O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walked'st on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!**

**O Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!**

**O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

Words: William Whiting (1825-1878)

Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.

All Amen.

The LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour 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.**

CONCLUSION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.

All Amen.

✠ Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.