

Morning Prayer

You may wish to light a candle.

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8. vv 31-32

Opening Sentence:

God is everywhere, utterly vast
and everywhere near to us,
according to his own witness of himself;
**I am, he says, a God at hand
and not a God afar off.**

The God we are seeking
is not one who dwells far away from us,
we have him with us. *St Columbanus*

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God.

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.**

Prayers of Penitence:

In silence, let us call to mind our sins

Lord have mercy

On your creation, on the world you have made,

On every living creature,

On me.

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

On your salvation, on those who are lost,

On all who stray,

On me.

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

On me.

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from Psalm 96

O sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvellous works among all the peoples,

for great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

Honour and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Worship the LORD in holy splendour;

tremble before him, all the earth.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

before the LORD; for he is coming,

for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy

Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be

forever. Amen.

The Word of God. Lord, give us grace to hear you
speak through your holy word.

First reading:

Prayer in time of Coronavirus

**Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and
support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who
are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Second Reading and Reflection:

Prayers of Intercession – which may end with

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

The Lord's Prayer:

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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you
have brought us safely to the beginning of this day.

Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger;

order us in all our doings and guide us to do always

what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ

our Lord. Amen.

Closing Prayer:

Lord God, my redeemer and friend,

It is you who gives me strength and courage to live.

When I am low you raise me up

When I am weak you comfort and encourage me.

When I am troubled, you touch me with your peace.

In your hands alone is fullness of life.

In you alone is life eternal.

Into your hands, O God, I commend this day

And my whole life. Amen.