

## 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.**

Lord have mercy

*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.**