

Aughton St Michael + Bickerstaffe Holy Trinity

Wednesday Prayer (Easter)

OPENING SENTENCE

Jesus says, 'I am the gate.'
Come, and be loved.
Come, and receive peace.
Come, and find life.

Leader: Out of the depths I have cried to You.

***Response:* O Lord, hear my voice.**

Leader: With my whole heart I want to praise You.

***Response:* O Lord, hear my voice.**

Leader: If you, Lord, should mark iniquities:

***Response:* Who could stand? who could stand?**

EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH

(Each person says a verse in the round)

Lord, You have always given
bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always given
strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always given
peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept
me safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked
the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened
this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always spoken
when time was ripe;
and though you be silent now,
today I believe.

BIBLE READING

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

BENEDICTUS (The Song of Zechariah)
(Each person says a verse in the round)

- 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

**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.**

BLESSING

Go out into the world.
Go where God leads you.
Go that you may serve him.
And wherever you go, know that God is with you.

Amen.

May the risen Christ give us peace.

Alleluia. Amen

