

Morning Prayer for Ascension Day

14th May 2026

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your throne has been established from of old;

All you are from everlasting. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the darkness of death you have raised your Christ
to the right hand of your majesty on high.

The pioneer of our faith, his passion accomplished,
has opened for us the way to heaven
and sends on us the promised Spirit.

May we be ready to follow the Way
and so be brought to the glory of his presence
where songs of triumph for ever sound:
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God 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

Thursday 14th May

Psalms 110, 150

Isaiah 52:7-end

Hebrews 7:11-end

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow the Scripture Readings

Sing to the Lord and bless his name;

All tell out his salvation from day to day.

God has gone up with a merry noise;

All sing to the Lord and bless his name.

The Lord with the sound of the trumpet:

All tell out his salvation from day to day.

He has led captivity captive, and given gifts to his people.

All Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.

from Psalms 48 and 68

Gospel Cantic

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

All I am ascending to my Father and to your Father;
to my God and your God. Alleluia.

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

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,

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,

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,

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,

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 **I am ascending to my Father and to your Father;
to my God and your God. Alleluia.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered for the world and its needs, the Church, and for ourselves.

This Collect or the Collect of the day is said

Risen Christ,
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Looking for the coming of his kingdom, 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.**

The Conclusion

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.