

Morning Prayer

Week commencing 15th September 2026

Preparation

O Lord open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

A Song of God's Compassion

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west
so far has he set our sins from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are but as grass;
we flourish as a flower of the field;

For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old
and endures for ever on those who fear him,
and his righteousness on children's children;

On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments to do them.

Psalm 103:8-18

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.

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 - Psalms, Old Testament and New Testament Readings

Tuesday 15th September

Psalms 32, 36

Zechariah 11:4-end

Mark 11:12-26

Wednesday 16th September

Psalms 34

Zechariah 12:1-10

Mark 11:27-end

Thursday 17th September

Psalms 37

1 Kings 11:1-13

Acts 17:16-end

Friday 18th September

Psalms 31

Zechariah 14:1-11

Mark 12:13-17

Saturday 19th September

Psalms 41, 42, 43

Zechariah 14:12-end

Mark 12:18-27

Sunday 20th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

Psalms 119:153-end

Isaiah 45:9-22

Revelation 14:1-5

Monday 21st September – Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Psalms 49, 117

1 Kings 19:15-end

2 Timothy 3:14-end

A Responsory in this or another form, may follow the Scripture Readings

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.

**All Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge him
and he will make straight your paths.

All Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

from Proverbs 3

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

All You have set us free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous in your sight.

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 You have set us free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous in your sight.

Prayers

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

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

or

Lord, hear us

All hear our prayer.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Lord God,
defend your Church from all
false teaching
and give to your people
knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal
life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and
the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
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 is said

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

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All Amen

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God