

*Morning Prayer from the day after Ascension Day
until the Day of Pentecost
Monday, 18 May 2026*

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

All

and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, creator God,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters
bringing light and life to your creation,
pour out your Spirit on us today
that we may walk as children of light
and by your grace reveal your presence.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All

Blessed be God for ever.

Psalm 103.1-7, 19-22

1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, ◆
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, ◆
and forget not all his benefits;

3

Who forgives all your sins ◆
and heals all your infirmities;

4

Who redeems your life from the Pit ◆
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;

5

Who satisfies you with good things, ◆
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6

The Lord executes righteousness ◆
and judgement for all who are oppressed.

7

He made his ways known to Moses ◆
and his works to the children of Israel.

8

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, ♦
and his kingdom has dominion over all.

9

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, ♦
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and hearken to the voice of his word.

10

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, ♦
you ministers of his who do his will.

11

Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; ♦
bless the Lord, O my soul.

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.**

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

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

Psalmody

Psalm 96

Refrain:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

1

Sing to the Lord a new song; ♦
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2

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

3

Declare his glory among the nations ♦
and his wonders among all peoples. *R*

4

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; ♦
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5

For all the gods of the nations are but idols; ♦
it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6

Honour and majesty are before him; ♦
power and splendour are in his sanctuary. *R*

7

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ♦
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.

8

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; ♦
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king. ♦
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity. *R*

11

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; ♦
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

12

Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them; ♦
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.

13

For he comes, he comes to judge the earth; ♦
with righteousness he will judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

Refrain:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

*Lord God, you draw us by your beauty
and transform us by your holiness;
let our worship echo all creation's praise
and declare your glory to the nations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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.**

Ezekiel 36.24-26, 28b

Refrain:

All

The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.

1

I will take you from the nations, ♦
and gather you from all the countries.

2

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, ♦
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.

3

A new heart I will give you, ♦
and put a new spirit within you,

4

And I will remove from your body the heart of stone ♦
and give you a heart of flesh.

5

You shall be my people, ♦
and I will be your God.

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

The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.

Luke 7.36-end

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to

her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Short Reflection

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

All

and kindle in us the fire of your love.

All who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

All

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,

All

and kindle in us the fire of your love.

For the creation waits with eager longing
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

All

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

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.**

Prayers

Lord God, as we bring our thoughts, needs, and desires to you this morning, let us still our hearts and minds so that we may be assured and inspired by your Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you are the way, the truth and the life. Thank you that you are always with us even when we forget you; remind us of your word, your promises and the blessings we have received in the past, so that when we are struggling or we lose our way, we can trust you to lead us to our Heavenly Father.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for the leaders of the church here within this Benefice of K&C and HD; for our Priests Paula and Jim, Readers Caroline and Pim and all who provide ministry and pastoral care in our Parish. We pray for Bishop Rose, Simon our Area Dean and all who minister in this Deanery, this Diocese, nation and throughout the world; grant us with them wisdom, mercy and compassion. Holy Spirit, give guidance and inspiration to our P.C.C, our Churchwardens, Andrew Jenny and David and all members of our congregations, especially as we journey towards this time of Pentecost.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all the efforts being made by Peacemakers around the world, working to bring peace to war-torn nations and trying to get warring people to talk to, and listen to each other. We pray that world leaders and people of influence would strive for justice, reconciliation and peace around the world. We pray for all nations of the world, that people will learn to live together with respect and love for one another. We thank you for King Charles and Queen Camilla and our Royal Family for all they do. In a moment of silence please bring before God a place or situation in need of peace on your heart this morning, especially we hold in our prayers the Jewish Community of this country following the recent attacks upon them. We pray for peace in Ukraine and a resolution to the turmoil in the Middle East.....

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we thank you for all the people who are working so hard, to care for those in our hospitals, the grieving and all whose hearts are troubled.

We pray for people who feel trapped by pain, loss or depression and those who are suffering, physically, mentally or spiritually. We pray that you will open their hearts to your peace and healing and fill their lives with your healing presence. In a moment of quiet please name before God any person on your heart this morning.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, as we remember those whom we have loved who are no longer with us, we give you thanks for their lives and for happy memories.

We pray for all who mourn, those people who have lost loved ones recently and especially people who are watching and waiting as their loved ones approach the end of their lives. We pray that they will find your comfort and peace for their sorrow and pain.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, as you lead us into this coming week, help us to remember that you are always close by us, guiding us, leading us and empowering us as your Church in the world. May your Spirit empower us as at Pentecost.

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

The Collect of the day is said

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before,
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

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
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 the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.

All: Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.