

Mid Week Morning Prayer
From “A Wee Worship Book”
May 20, 2020

Opening Responses

Leader: From the rising of the sun
Till its setting in the west,

All: GOD’S HOLY NAME BE PRAISED.

Leader: On the lips of children
By babies at the breast,

All: GOD’S HOLY NAME BE PRAISED.

Leader: In the visions of the old
And the dreaming of the young,

All: GOD’S HOLY NAME BE PRAISED.

Leader: In the banquet hall of heaven
And the forgotten corners of our hearts,

All: GOD’S HOLY NAME BE PRAISED.

Leader: Let all that has life and breath
Praise the Lord.

All: AMEN.
WE PRAISE THE LORD!

Word of God – Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Prayer

Leader: O God our Creator,
Your kindness has brought us
The gift of a new morning.
Help us to leave yesterday,
And not to covet tomorrow
But to be served by each other.

(Silence)

Leader: Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us
**ALL: JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD,
HAVE MERCY UPON US.**

Leader: I believe that God forgives and sets us free.
**ALL: WE BELIEVE THAT GOD FORGIVES
AND SETS US FREE;
AND AT THE DAY'S BEGINNING,
WE COMMIT OURSELVES
TO FOLLOWING WHERE CHRIST CALLS
AND TO LOVING ONE ANOTHER.**

Collect *(From the Welsh Celtic tradition)*

Almighty Creator, maker of all things,
The world could not express your glory
Even were the grass and the trees to sing.

You have made such a multitude of wonders
That they cannot be equalled.
No language can express them,
No letters can contain them.

Yet it is no hardship
To praise the Holy Trinity;
It is our delight
To praise the Son of Mary.

Blessing

Leader: Lord, set your blessing on us
As we begin this day together.
Confirm in us the truth
By which we rightly live;
Confront us with the truth
From which we wrongly turn.

We ask not for what we want
But for what you know we need,
As we offer this day and ourselves
For you and to you
Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour

ALL: AMEN.

Leader: The Lord be with you.
ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.