

**Morning Prayer**

**Wednesday in  
Ascensiontide**

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Participants in online group:  
Please mute your microphone and  
respond audibly in your own space.



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.**

- 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.

*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.**

## *Psalm 29*

*Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ♦  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; ♦  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters. *R*

*Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; ♦  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ♦  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf ♦  
and Sirion like a young wild ox. *R*
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; ♦  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

*Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare; ♦  
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; ♦  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; ♦  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of  
peace. *R*

*Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ, to hear the music of your voice above the chaos of this world; open our eyes to see the vision of your glory, for you are our King, now and for ever.*

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

*All* **as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Deuteronomy 31.30-32.14 (NRSV)*

<sup>30</sup> Then Moses recited the words of this song, to the very end, in the hearing of the whole assembly of Israel:

**32** Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;  
let the earth hear the words of my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> May my teaching drop like the rain,  
my speech condense like the dew;  
like gentle rain on grass,  
like showers on new growth.

3 For I will proclaim the name of the Lord;  
ascribe greatness to our God!

4 The Rock, his work is perfect,  
and all his ways are just.  
A faithful God, without deceit,  
just and upright is he;

5 yet his degenerate children have dealt falsely with him,  
a perverse and crooked generation.

6 Do you thus repay the Lord,  
O foolish and senseless people?  
Is not he your father, who created you,  
who made you and established you?

7 Remember the days of old,  
consider the years long past;  
ask your father, and he will inform you;  
your elders, and they will tell you.

8 When the Most High apportioned the nations,  
when he divided humankind,  
he fixed the boundaries of the peoples  
according to the number of the gods;  
9 the Lord's own portion was his people,  
Jacob his allotted share.

10 He sustained him in a desert land,  
in a howling wilderness waste;  
he shielded him, cared for him,  
guarded him as the apple of his eye.

11 As an eagle stirs up its nest,  
and hovers over its young;  
as it spreads its wings, takes them up,  
and bears them aloft on its pinions,  
12 the Lord alone guided him;  
no foreign god was with him.  
13 He set him atop the heights of the land,  
and fed him with produce of the field;  
he nursed him with honey from the crags,  
with oil from flinty rock;

14 curds from the herd, and milk from the flock,  
with fat of lambs and rams;  
Bashan bulls and goats,  
together with the choicest wheat—  
you drank fine wine from the blood of grapes.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*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.

*Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b*

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

*All* **as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*All* **The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.**

*1 John 3.11-24 (NRSV)*

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup> We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death.

<sup>15</sup> All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. <sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup> How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

<sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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.**

*cf Romans 8*

*All* **Christ has gone up on high and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.**

- 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;

*All* **as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*All* **Christ has gone up on high and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.**

## *Prayers*

*Some or all parts of this form of intercession may be used.  
Specific petitions may be added, or silence may be kept, at suitable points.*

Through Christ, who ever lives to make  
intercession for us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places  
and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Prayers*

Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom and grant on earth the blessing of peace:

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

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high:

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

May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice and wrong:

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

*Prayers*

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation,  
and grant us the needful gifts of your grace:  
... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Further prayers may be added.*

Let us commend the world, for which Christ prays,  
to the mercy and protection of God.  
**Amen.**

*Collect for the Commemoration of Dunstan*

God, you raised up your servant Dunstan to renew the Church of the English in the manifold beauty of holiness. Teach us to follow his example that we, finding our order and beauty in you, may enrich the life of your people in their loving worship of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Collect for Thy Kingdom Come*

Almighty God,  
your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.***

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.**