

Morning Prayer - Thursday

1. As we gather this morning, we pray...

O Lord, open our lips. And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessèd are you, Sovereign God, creator of all; To you be glory and praise forever!

You founded the earth in the beginning and the heavens are the work of your hands.

As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us, let the light of your love always shine in our hearts and your praises ever be on our lips, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen!

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

May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts and triumph over the shades of night. Blessed are you, creator of all, to you be praise and glory forever.

As your dawn renews the face of the earth, bringing light and life to all creation, may we rejoice in this day you have made.

As we wake from the depths of sleep, open our eyes, to behold your presence and strengthen our hands to do your will that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

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 forever. Amen.

God calls us to love one another: O come, let us worship. God in Christ has revealed his glory: O come, let us worship.

Christ speaks the truth in every age: O come, let us worship.

Christ feeds his flock in every age: O Come, let us worship.

God comes to set us free: O come, let us worship.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. Amen!

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2.THE GOSPEL CANTICLE: BENEDICTUS - The Song of Zech- ariah...

- 1. Blessèd be the Lord, the God of Israel,* for he 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, he promised of old* that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us;**
- 4. He promised to show mercy to our forebears,* and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5. This was the oath he 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. You, my 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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

3. CANTICLE: A SONG OF THE MESSIAH...

- 1. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;* those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, upon them the light has dawned.**
- 2. You have increased their joy and given them great gladness;* they rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest.**
- 3. For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them;* the collar that lay heavy on their shoulders.**
- 4. For to us a child is born and to us a son is given,* and the government will be upon his shoulder.**
- 5. And his name will be called: Wonderful Counsellor; the Mighty God;* the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.**
- 6. Of the increase of his government and of peace* there will be no end,**
- 7. Upon the throne of David and over his kingdom,* to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness.**
- 8. From this time forth and for evermore;* the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.**

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4. JESUS AND THE GOSPEL HEALING VERSES...

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. (Matthew 9:3)

Wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and imploring Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured. (Mark 6:56)

..., all those who had any, who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them. (Luke 4:40)

And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them. (Matthew 15:30)

And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was. (Mark 1:34)

And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all. (Luke 6:19)

Jesus *said ..., "I will come and heal" (Matthew 8:7)

5. THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS - *(led by various leaders)...*

6. THE COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY...

**Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more
wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share our human nature,
so we may be partakers in his divine glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.**

7. THE LORD'S PRAYER...

*Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray in faith
and trust:*

**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
forever. Amen.**

8. THE BLESSING...

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

**Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen/-Alleluia (*Except
Lent*)**