

Morning Prayer for Sunday 3rd December 2023 on Zoom™

O Lord, open our lips

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Reveal among us the light of your presence

All: that we may behold your power and glory.

We come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the services of God.

Confession

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**All: Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Silence is kept.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,
and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

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All: for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**All: and in our song we will praise our God.
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

The Creed

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit;
born of the Virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead;**

**on the third day He rose again;
he ascended into heaven;
he is seated on the right hand of the Father;
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the Holy Catholic Church,
the Communion of Saints;
the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

Psalm

**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**

Bible Reading

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,
All: for the night is far spent and the day is at hand

Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,
All: for the night is far spent

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
All: for the day is at hand

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ
and make no provision for the flesh
All: for the night is far spent and the day is at hand

The Magnificat

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel
to remember his promise of mercy
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**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

Collect

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Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the
living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All: And also with you

Intercessions

Let us pray to the Lord

Watchful at all times,
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

All: Lord, have mercy.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures
and recognise him in the breaking of the bread,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted,
restore the sick
and raise up all who have fallen,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

That the light of God's coming may dawn
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

That, with all the saints in light,
we may shine forth as lights for the world,
let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord, have mercy.

Let us commend the world, which Christ will judge,
to the mercy and protection of God.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Silence.

**All: Merciful, father,
Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Awaiting his coming in Glory, 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**

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from you path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, descend upon us and remain
with us always

All: Amen

Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Bible Reading Sunday 3rd December 2023

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Gospel Reading Sunday 3rd December 2023

Mark 13:24-37

‘But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’