

Morning Prayer in Lent: Wednesday 24th
February 2021

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,

All according to your judgement give us life.

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,
your light breaks forth like the dawn
and your healing springs up for deliverance.

As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ♦
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my
offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ♦
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults ♦
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned ♦
and done what is evil in your sight,

5 So that you are justified in your sentence ♦
and righteous in your judgement.

6 Cast me not away from your presence ♦
and take not your holy spirit from me.

7 Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

8 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked ♦
and sinners shall return to you.

9 Deliver me from my guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, ♦
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

Psalm 51.1–5, 12–15

**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.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 6

- 1 O Lord, rebuke me not in your wrath; ♦
neither chasten me in your fierce anger.
- 2 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am weak; ♦
Lord, heal me, for my bones are racked.
- 3 My soul also shakes with terror; ♦
how long, O Lord, how long?
- 4 Turn again, O Lord, and deliver my soul; ♦
save me for your loving mercy's sake.
- 5 For in death no one remembers you; ♦
and who can give you thanks in the grave?
- 6 I am weary with my groaning; ♦
every night I drench my pillow
and flood my bed with my tears.
- 7 My eyes are wasted with grief ♦
and worn away because of all my enemies.
- 8 Depart from me, all you that do evil, ♦
for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.
- 9 The Lord has heard my supplication; ♦
the Lord will receive my prayer.

10 All my enemies shall be put to shame and confusion; ♦
they shall suddenly turn back in their shame.

**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.**

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 5: 20 - end

Declare this in the house of Jacob,
proclaim it in Judah:
Hear this, O foolish and senseless people,
who have eyes, but do not see,
who have ears, but do not hear.
Do you not fear me? says the Lord;
Do you not tremble before me?
I placed the sand as a boundary for the sea,
a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass;

though the waves toss, they cannot prevail,
though they roar, they cannot pass over it.
But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart;
they have turned aside and gone away.
They do not say in their hearts,
'Let us fear the Lord our God,
who gives the rain in its season,
the autumn rain and the spring rain,
and keeps for us
the weeks appointed for the harvest.'
Your iniquities have turned these away,
and your sins have deprived you of good.
For scoundrels are found among my people;
they take over the goods of others.
Like fowlers they set a trap;
they catch human beings.
Like a cage full of birds,
their houses are full of treachery;
therefore they have become great and rich,
they have grown fat and sleek.

They know no limits in deeds of wickedness;
they do not judge with justice
the cause of the orphan, to make it prosper,
and they do not defend the rights of the needy.
Shall I not punish them for these things?
says the Lord,
and shall I not bring retribution
on a nation such as this?
An appalling and horrible thing
has happened in the land:
the prophets prophesy falsely,
and the priests rule as the prophets direct;
my people love to have it so,
but what will you do when the end comes?

Canticle

1 Lord almighty and God of our ancestors, ♦
you who made heaven and earth in all their glory:
2 All things tremble with awe at your presence, ♦

before your great and mighty power.

3 Immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy, ♦
for you are God, Most High.

4 You are full of compassion, long-suffering and very
merciful, ♦
and you relent at human suffering.

5 O God, according to your great goodness, ♦
you have promised forgiveness for repentance
to those who have sinned against you.

6 The sins I have committed against you ♦
are more in number than the sands of the sea.

7 I am not worthy to look up to the height of heaven, ♦
because of the multitude of my iniquities.

8 And now I bend the knee of my heart before you, ♦
imploping your kindness upon me.

9 I have sinned, O God, I have sinned, ♦
and I acknowledge my transgressions.

10 Unworthy as I am, you will save me, ♦
according to your great mercy.

11 For all the host of heaven sings your praise, ♦

and your glory is for ever and ever.

Manasseh 1a,2,4,6,7a,b,9a,c,11,12,14b,15b

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 Full of compassion and mercy and love,

is God, the Most High, the Almighty.

Scripture Reading

John 5: 30 – end

'I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

'If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining

lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he

wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?’

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

All O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation,

All To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long.

All O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

All To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

Gospel Canticle

**All Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**

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

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 **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

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

Silence may be kept.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins

and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,
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 God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.