

**Morning Prayer Sunday**  
**18 October 2020**

**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips  
**All** and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*A Song of God's Compassion*

- 1 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 2 He will not always accuse us,  
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- 3 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 4 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.
- 5 As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he set our sins from us.
- 6 As a father has compassion on his children,  
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.
- 7 For he knows of what we are made;  
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 8 Our days are but as grass;  
we flourish as a flower of the field;
- 9 For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,  
and its place shall know it no more.
- 10 But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old  
and endures for ever on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness on children's children;
- 11 On those who keep his covenant  
and remember his commandments to do them.

*Psalm 103: 8-18*

**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.**

*Hymn*

As the deer

*This opening prayer may be said*

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 96**

*Refrain:*

**All** *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name;  
tell out his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the nations are but idols;  
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Honour and majesty are before him;  
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king.  
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
- 12 Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them;  
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.
- 13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth;  
with righteousness he will judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

*Refrain:*

**All** *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
Lord God, you draw us by your beauty  
and transform us by your holiness;  
let our worship echo all creation's praise*

*and declare your glory to the nations;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**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.

### **Canticle**

*Refrain:*

**All** All the earth, shout and sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One.

- 1 'Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust and will not be afraid;
- 2 'For the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.'
- 3 With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.
- 4 On that day you will say,  
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
- 5 'Make known his deeds among the nations,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.
- 6 Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously;  
let this be known in all the world.
- 7 'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

*Isaiah 12.2-6*

**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** All the earth, shout and sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One.

### **Scripture Reading**

#### **Matthew 9:18-25**

##### **A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed**

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his

cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.

### **Gospel Canticle**

#### *The Benedictus*

**All You have set us free to worship you without fear,  
holy and righteous in your sight.**

- 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 You have set us free to worship you without fear,  
holy and righteous in your sight.**

### **Talk**

### *Hymn*

Reckless Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsoV-oEkFcY>

### **Prayers**

*These responses may be used*

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

### **The Collect**

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **Notices**

#### *Hymn*

My lighthouse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reAlJKv7ptU>

## The Dismissal

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life and the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all for ever more

***All*** **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

***All*** **Thanks be to God.**