

¶ Morning Prayer *from All Saints' Day until Advent*

Preparation

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

Your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your kingdom.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
ruler and judge of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of this age that is passing away
may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy
surround our steps as we journey on.
May we reflect your glory this day
and so be made ready to see your face
in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

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

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.

Amen.

Psalm 15

*Refrain: Through the greatness of your mercy,
I will come into your house.*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? ♦
Who may rest upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life ♦
and does the thing that is right;
- 3 Who speaks the truth from the heart ♦
and bears no deceit on the tongue;
- 4 Who does no evil to a friend ♦
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;
- 5 In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, ♦
but who honours those who fear the Lord.
- 6 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour ♦
and never goes back on that word;
- 7 Who does not lend money in hope of gain, ♦
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
- 8 Whoever does these things ♦
shall never fall.

Refrain: Through the greatness of your mercy,

**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

***On our website will be listed the reading for the day.
Alternatively, please choose your own.***

Responsory

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.

The heavens bear witness to your wonders;
I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

The assembly of your saints proclaims your truth;
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

**I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

from Psalm 89

Gospel Canticle

**You will guide us with your counsel, O God,
and afterwards receive us with glory.**

- 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

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Prayers

The Church of England prayer cycle includes the following for this season:

- ¶ The saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven
- ¶ All people, that they may hear and believe the word of God
- ¶ All who fear the winter months
- ¶ All sovereigns and political leaders, that they may imitate the righteous rule of Christ
- ¶ All who grieve or wait with the dying

You may wish to use these or other prayers in a time of intercession.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us make our prayer in the power of the Spirit,
looking to Jesus the pioneer of our faith.

That with the noble fellowship of the prophets
we may discern the signs of your kingdom in our midst,
we pray to you, O Lord:

That with the glorious company of the apostles
we may proclaim your gospel throughout the world,
we pray to you, O Lord:

That with all who are anointed by your Spirit
we may bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed,
we pray to you, O Lord:

That with the saints in light
we may bind up the brokenhearted and comfort all who mourn,
we pray to you, O Lord:

That within the whole company of Christ's pilgrim people
we may come to the inheritance of the saints in glory,
we pray to you, O Lord:

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
give us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

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hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
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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.**

The Conclusion

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.