

## Morning Prayer for Monday

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

#### Introductory Responses

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

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*or*

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
**and clothe us with power from on high.**

*or*

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise  
**and your glory all the day long.**

You send forth your Spirit  
**and renew the face of the earth.**

*One of the following may be said or sung.*

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*or*

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*or*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

#### Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 24

The world and everything in it belongs to the Holy One,  
so too the fertile world and all who live there.

The Most High founded it on the ocean of chaos,  
fixed it firmly among the rivers.

Who may ascend the mountain of God?  
Who may stand in that holy place?

Those with clean hands and pure hearts,  
who have not given themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn deceitful oaths.

They shall receive blessing from the Holy One,  
and true justice from the saving, helping God.  
Such are they who look to you,  
who seek your presence, O God of Jacob.  
O you gates, lift up your heads;  
be lifted up you everlasting doors,  
that the glorious Majesty may come in!  
Who is this glorious Majesty?  
It is the Holy One, great in power and might,  
the Holy One mighty in battle.  
O you gates, lift up your heads;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors,  
that the glorious Majesty may enter in!  
Who is this glorious Majesty?  
It is the Holy One, ruler of hosts,  
who is indeed the glorious Monarch.

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

##### The Psalm

*A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.*

*After the Psalm of the following may be said or sung.*

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*or*

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*or*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Morning Prayer continues with the Reading.*

##### The Reading

*A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*or*

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Morning Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.*

### The Responsory

*The Responsory is said or sung.*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge the Lord  
who will make straight your paths.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.**

Happy are those who find wisdom,  
and those who get understanding.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.**

*Morning Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.*

### The Canticle

*'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Deliverance' or 'A Song of Ezekiel' may be said or sung.*

*The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, \*

you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, \*

born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, \*

you promised of old to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us, \*  
to show mercy to our forebears,  
and to remember your holy covenant.  
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship you without fear, \*  
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
to give God's people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Or*

*A Song of Deliverance (Isaiah 12.2-6)*

'Behold, God is our salvation, \*  
in whom we will trust and will not be afraid;  
for the Lord God is our strength and our song, \*  
and has become our salvation.'  
With joy we shall draw water \*  
from the wells of salvation.  
On that day we shall say, \*  
'We give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and call upon your name.  
We shall make known your deeds among the nations, \*  
proclaiming that your name is exalted.  
Let us sing the praises of the Lord who has triumphed gloriously; \*  
let this be known in all the world.  
Shout and sing for joy, all that dwell in Zion,  
for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

*Or*

*A Song of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36.24-26, 28b)*

I will take you from the nations, \*  
and gather you from all the countries.  
I will sprinkle clean water upon you, \*  
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.

A new heart I will give you, \*  
and put a new spirit within you,  
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone \*  
and give you a heart of flesh.  
You shall be my people, \*  
and I will be your God.

*After the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.*

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*or*

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*or*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Prayers.*

#### Affirmation of Faith

*One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.*

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again 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.**

*Or*

*Hear, O Israel*  
**Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.**

*Morning Prayer continues with the Intercessions, Petitions and Thanksgivings.*

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

##### Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*The community may offer its intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings silently or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember*

- *the media and the arts;*
- *farming and fishing;*
- *commerce and industry;*
- *those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger;*
- *all who are unemployed.*

*The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.*

##### The Litany

*The Litany is said or sung.*

**O God of our salvation, guard and direct your church  
in the way of unity, service and praise.  
God our strength, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.  
**God our strength, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness,  
and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.  
**God our strength, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise,  
so that all may share the good things you provide.  
**God our strength, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill  
for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.  
**God our strength, hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.  
**God our strength, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying  
and your comfort to those who mourn.  
**God our strength, hear our prayer.**

*Either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.*

Eternal God, you create us by your power and redeem us by your love. Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, so that we may give ourselves today in love and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*or*

Lord our God, as with all creation we offer you the life of this new day, give us grace to love and serve you to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.*

#### The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,  
**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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.*

#### THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

##### The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.*

**May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. Amen.**