



Morning Prayer on a Wednesday in Ordinary Time

Please find a seat and make yourself comfortable.

Welcome

Lead O Lord, open our lips

All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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

Silence is kept.

Lead 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.**

Psalm

A Psalm is said.

Stand at the end to say:

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Please sit for a reading from the Old Testament as appointed for the day.

Canticle - A Song the Word of the Lord

Isaiah 55:6-11

- All* Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,
to our God, who will richly pardon.
- 1 Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
- 2 Let the wicked abandon their ways,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
- 3 Return to the Lord, who will have mercy;
to our God, who will richly pardon.
- 4 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,' says the Lord.
- 5 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your
thoughts.
- 6 'As the rain and the snow come down from above,
and return not again but water the earth,
- 7 'Bringing forth life and giving growth,
seed for sowing and bread to eat,
- 8 'So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;
it will not return to me fruitless,
- 9 'But it will accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the task I gave it.'

Stand to say:

- 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.

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,
to our God, who will richly pardon.

New Testament Gospel

Please sit for a reading from the Old Testament as appointed for the day.

Responses

from Psalm 73

Lead Lord, you will guide me with your counsel and afterwards receive me with glory.

All **Lord, you will guide me with your counsel and afterwards receive me with glory.**

Lead For I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

All **And afterwards receive me with glory.**

Lead Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All **Lord, you will guide me with your counsel and afterwards receive me with glory.**

Gospel Canticle

Please stand for the Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79)

All **You show mercy to our ancestors,
and remember your holy covenant.**

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.**

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.**

**You show mercy to our ancestors,
and remember your holy covenant.**

The Prayers

Please sit or kneel for the prayers. The following response may be used:

Lord in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

The Collect

A collect for the day may be used.

The Lord's Prayer

Lead Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

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.

The Conclusion

Lead The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Lead Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for joining us for this service of Morning Prayer

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