



## 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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