



## Morning Prayer on a Thursday 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 of the Covenant

*Isaiah 42:5-8a*

- All* I have given you as a light to the nations,  
and I have called you in righteousness.
- 1* Thus says God, who created the heavens,  
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;
- 2* Who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it,
- 3* 'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
- 4* 'I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
- 5* 'To bring out the captives from the dungeon,  
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.
- 6* 'I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other.'

*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.

I have given you as a light to the nations,  
and I have called you in righteousness.

## New Testament Gospel

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

## Responses

*from Psalm 119*

- Lead* Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.
- All* **Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.**
- Lead* When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.  
When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.
- All* **I have called you by name; you are mine.**
- Lead* Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- All* **Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.**

# Gospel Canticle

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

- All* You promised, O God, to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us.
- 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 promised, O God, to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us.

## 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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