



St. John's Chapeltown

# Morning Prayer

## Gathering in God's presence

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

Blessèd are you, creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your dawn renews the face of the earth  
bringing light and life to all creation,  
may we rejoice in this day you have made;  
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,  
open our eyes to behold your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.  
Blessèd be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessèd be God for ever!**

*after Lancelot Andrewes (1626)*

*This opening prayer may be said*

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

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

## Listening to God

*Psalm of the Day & Scripture Readings*

## Gospel Canticle

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

Bless the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who has come to set us free.  
He has raised for us a Saviour  
sprung from royal David's tree.  
Through his prophets God had spoken  
of the hope the Christ would bring;  
of his faithfulness and mercy  
let each generation sing.

Long ago God made a promise  
he would set his people free,  
that in all our life and worship  
we might know true liberty,  
to be holy, to be righteous  
in his sight throughout our days;  
now this child will be a herald  
making ready all God's ways.

Let all people know salvation  
through forgiveness of their sin,  
as our God in his compassion  
bids a shining dawn begin.  
So may all who dwell in darkness  
see the shadows disappear  
while he guides our feet in pathways  
where his peace is ever near.

To the Father be all glory  
with the Spirit and the Son,  
as it was, is now and shall be  
while eternal ages run.

*(tune: 'Ebenezer' - 'O the deep, deep love of Jesus)*

*Te Deum Laudamus (A Song Of the Church)*

I We praise you, O God,  
we acclaim you as the Lord;

- 2 all creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.
- 3 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim,  
sing in endless praise:
- 4 Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
- 5 The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
- 6 Throughout the world  
the holy Church acclaim you:  
Father of majesty unbounded,
- 7 your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,  
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
- 8 You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.
- 9 When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
- 10 You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven  
to all believers.
- 11 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come  
and be our judge.
- 12 Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,
- 13 and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## The Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his 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  
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.**

## Talking to God

*Intercessions are offered;  
the Collect of the Day, the following responses  
and one of the following Collects may be said.*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**and grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen;  
**and teach her counsellors wisdom.**

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness;  
**let your faithful people sing with joy.**

Let your ways be known upon earth;  
**your saving health among all nations.**

Give your people the blessing of peace;  
**and may all the earth  
be filled with your glory.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**

*Open prayer, or silent prayer, may be offered, ending with:*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
we thank you that you have brought us safely  
to the beginning of this day:  
keep us from falling into sin  
or running into danger,  
order us in all our doings  
and guide us to do always  
what is righteous in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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

O God, the author of peace  
and lover of concord,  
to know you is eternal life,  
to serve you is perfect freedom:  
defend us your servants  
from all assaults of our enemies;  
that we may trust in your defence,  
and not fear the power of any adversaries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Lord, the well-spring of our life:  
pour into our hearts  
the living water of your grace  
that, refreshed by you, we may live this day  
in steadfast reliance on your strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace  
at this time with one accord  
to make our common supplication to you;  
and you have promised  
through your well-beloved Son  
that when two or three are gathered together  
in his name you will grant their requests:  
fulfil now, O Lord, our desires and petitions  
as may be best for us;  
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,  
and in the age to come life everlasting.  
**Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven...**

## Going with God's blessing

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

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



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