



St. John's Chapeltown

Morning Prayer

Gathering in God's presence

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

These responses may be used

O come, let us sing to the Lord:
**let us heartily rejoice
in the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving:
and be glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:
and a great king above all gods.

Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God:
**we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.**

from Psalm 95

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)

- 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.

Luke 1.68-79

**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.**

Te Deum Laudamus (A Song Of the Church)

- 1 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,
and one of the following Collects may be said.*

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.

O Christ, our Cornerstone,
rejected by men but precious to God:
build us as living stones into a spiritual house,

a royal priesthood, a special people
declaring the praises
of him who called us out of darkness
into his wonderful light,
so others may glorify his name.
Amen.

God of power:
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us
to serve and worship you
now and always.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray
Our Father in heaven...

Going with God's blessing

Teach us, dear Lord, to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Satisfy us with your loving kindness in the morning,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands for us,
yes, establish the work of our hands.

from Psalm 90

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.

