



St. John's Chapeltown

# Morning Prayer for Lent

## Gathering to pray

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

Hear our voice, O Lord,  
according to your faithful love:  
**according to your judgement give us life.**

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
In the darkness of our sin,  
your light breaks forth like the dawn  
and your healing springs up for deliverance.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,  
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit  
and open our lips to sing your praise.  
Blessèd be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**blessèd be God for ever!**

*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

*The Psalm of the day*

*ending with*

**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.**

*Scripture Readings:  
Old and New Testament*

*A song or these responses may follow*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
**O my God, in you I trust.**

You are the God of my salvation,  
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

In you I hope all the day long.  
**O my God, in you I trust.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.  
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust.**

*from Psalm 25*

*Gospel Canticle*

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said or sung*

- 1 Blessèd 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.**

## The Apostles' 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.*

*These prayers and responses may be used*

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.**

*The church's prayer (Collect) for the day is said.*

*One of these prayers may be used.*

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**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.**

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.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Going with God's grace

*The Blessing*

May God our Redeemer  
show us compassion and love.  
**Amen.**

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

*(or)*

*The Grace*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**



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