



GENEROSITY WEEK

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



Morning Prayer

Faith over Fear



Day 2

Preparation

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

You, O Lord are my shepherd,
therefore I lack nothing.

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

O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!
Your majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?
You have made them little lower than the angels
and crown them with glory and honour.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands
and put all things under their feet,
All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
**O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!**

Psalm 8

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalmody: Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh,
they stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid,
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord
and that alone I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
- 5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For in the day of trouble
he shall hide me in his shelter;
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me
and set me high upon a rock.
- 7 And now shall he lift up my head
above my enemies round about me;
- 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation
with great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.'
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

- 11** Hide not your face from me,
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
- 12** You have been my helper;
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 13** Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.
- 14** Teach me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path,
because of those who lie in wait for me.
- 15** Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and those who breathe out violence.
- 16** I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
- 17** Wait for the Lord;
be strong and he shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the Lord.

**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 Lord is my light and my salvation

Canticle: A Song of God's Blessing

**God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,**

- 2 That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.
- 7 God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 67

**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.**

**God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us.**

Scripture Reading

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6.25-33

Responsory

Do not worry about anything;

in everything, let your requests be made known to God.

Rejoice in the Lord; let your gentleness be known to everyone.

Do not worry about anything.

Think of things that are true, honourable and pure.

in everything, let your requests be made known to God.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Do not worry about anything;

in everything, let your requests be made known to God.

from Philippians 4.4-8

Gospel Canticle

**Rejoice and be glad,
for the Lord has done great things!**

- 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.**

**Rejoice and be glad,
for the Lord has done great things!**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered, and may conclude;

May the mystery of your providence
lead us to that heavenly city
where all peoples will receive your generosity,
and find their true joy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Trusting in God's faithful provision,
as our Saviour 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.

The Conclusion

The Lord our God, whose works are manifold and generous,
bless us and preserve us.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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