

# *Morning Worship for Sundays at Home*



## *Lent*

### **Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help

**All** and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

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.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

*A hymn may be sung*

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.

**All** Amen.

# The Word of God

## *Psalmody*

*A psalm is said.*

*Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**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.**

## *Scripture Reading*

*One or more readings appointed for the day are read.*

*This responsory may follow*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

**All**     **O my God, in you I trust.**

You are the God of my salvation,

**All**     **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

In you I hope all the day long.

**All**     **O my God, in you I trust.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

**All**     **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;**

**O my God, in you I trust.**

*from Psalm 25*

**Reflection:** *a short homily is offered*

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said,*

*Refrain:*

**All** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

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*

**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.**

**All** **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,**  
**For they shall be satisfied.**

## *Affirmation of Faith*

In his words and his life, Jesus shows us God's way.

Let us affirm again our commitment to that way:

**All** Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn,  
**for they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek,  
**for they shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,  
**for they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful,  
**for they shall obtain mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
**for they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
**for they shall be called children of God.**

Blessed are those who suffer persecution  
for righteousness' sake,  
**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

*(from Matthew ch.5)*

In Jesus, the love of God comes close.  
**We will walk his way.**

# Prayers

*Intercessions are offered*

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect of the day following is said*

**All Amen.**

*A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus*

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

*A hymn may be sung*

## The Conclusion

*Prayer of Blessing*

*The Grace*

**All 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.**