

**Morning Prayer**

**for**

**Diocesan Synod**

**Living in Love and Faith**

Saturday 5th February 2022

10am

***Please stand***

**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips

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

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You founded the earth in the beginning  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
and in these last days you have spoken to us  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us  
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
your Spirit ever renew our lives  
and your praises ever be on our lips.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Hymn**

**Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,

join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;

sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!

Have you not seen all that is needful has been

sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;

surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the Amen sound from his people again;

gladly forever adore him.

***A Song of God’s Praise*** *Psalm 63.1-9*

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;   
my soul is athirst for you.

**My flesh also faints for you,   
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.**

So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,   
that I might behold your power and your glory.

**Your loving-kindness is better than life itself   
and so my lips shall praise you.**

I will bless you as long as I live   
and lift up my hands in your name.

**My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,   
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,**

When I remember you upon my bed   
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

**For you have been my helper   
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.**

My soul clings to you;   
your right hand shall hold me fast.

**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 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***

***The appointed psalmody is said.***

### *Psalm 23*

***I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.***

The Lord is my shepherd;   
therefore can I lack nothing.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures   
and leads me beside still waters.**

He shall refresh my soul   
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;   
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me;   
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.

**Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,   
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

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.**

***I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.***

*Canticle*

***A Song of Jerusalem*** *Isaiah 66.10, 11a, 12a, 12c, 13a, 14a, b*

***Refrain:***

**Thus says our God, I will comfort you,  
you shall see and your heart shall rejoice.**

‘Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her,   
all you who love her,’ says the Lord.

‘Rejoice with her in joy,   
all you who mourn over her,

‘That you may drink deeply with delight   
from her consoling breast.’

For thus says our God,   
‘You shall be nursed and carried on her arm.

‘As a mother comforts her children,   
so I will comfort you;

‘You shall see and your heart shall rejoice;   
you shall flourish like the grass of the fields.’

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.

**Thus says our God, I will comfort you,  
you shall see and your heart shall rejoice.**

*Scripture Reading*

***The reading may be followed by a time of silence.***

### *Matthew 28.16-end*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

Your salvation is near to those who fear you;  
that glory may dwell in our land.  
**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;**  
**that glory may dwell in our land.**  
Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
**That glory may dwell in our land.**  
Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;**  
**that glory may dwell in our land.**

*From Psalm 85*

***The Benedictus***

***Refrain:***

**Shine on us, O God, who dwell in darkness,  
and guide us into the way of peace.**

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,   
who has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,   
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old   
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors,   
and to remember his holy covenant**.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:   
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear,   
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,   
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation   
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God   
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,   
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

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.**

***Refrain:***

**Shine on us, O God, who dwell in darkness,  
and guide us into the way of peace.**

**Prayers**

***Intercessions are offered***

***for the day and its tasks  
for the world and its needs  
for the Church and her life***

***These responses may be used***

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

***Silence may be kept.***

***The Collect of the day is said***

Almighty God,  
by whose grace alone we are accepted   
and called to your service:  
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit  
and make us worthy of our calling;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.   
**Amen.**

***The Lord’s Prayer is said***

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

***Hymn***

**Here is love vast as the ocean,**  
loving kindness as the flood,  
when the Prince of life, our ransom,  
shed for us his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion  
fountains opened deep and wide;  
through the floodgates of God's mercy  
flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
poured incessant from above;  
and heaven's peace and perfect justice  
kissed a guilty world in love.

***The Conclusion***

We are the Body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace

And builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**