

***Morning Prayer on Wednesdays in Ordinary Time  
in the Benefice of Shrivenham and Ashbury***

**Preparation**

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

***A Song of God's Glorious Name***

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

*Psalm 8*

**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.

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 appointed psalmody is said.  
Each psalm or group of psalms may end 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.**

**A reading from Scripture**

*Canticle*

*A Song of the Word of the Lord*

**Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,  
to our God, who will richly pardon.**

- 1 Seek the Lord while he may be found, ♦  
call upon him while he is near;
- 2 Let the wicked abandon their ways, ♦  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
- 3 Return to the Lord, who will have mercy; ♦  
to our God, who will richly pardon.
- 4 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, ♦  
neither are your ways my ways,' says the Lord.
- 5 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, ♦  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 6 'As the rain and the snow come down from above, ♦  
and return not again but water the earth,
- 7 'Bringing forth life and giving growth, ♦  
seed for sowing and bread to eat,
- 8 'So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; ♦  
it will not return to me fruitless,
- 9 'But it will accomplish that which I purpose, ♦  
and succeed in the task I gave it.'

*Isaiah 55.6-11*

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to our God, who will richly pardon.**

**A reading from Scripture**

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel  
and afterwards receive me with glory.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel  
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;  
you hold me by my right hand.

**And afterwards receive me with glory.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel  
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

*from Psalm 73*

*The Benedictus*

**You show mercy to our ancestors,  
and remember your holy covenant.**

- 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*

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and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**You show mercy to our ancestors,  
and remember your holy covenant.**

*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                                  (or)                                  Lord, hear us.  
**hear our prayer.**    **Lord, graciously hear us.**

***The Collect of the Day*** or the following is 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.**

*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.**

## **The Conclusion**

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.**

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