

MORNING PRAYER

Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) (Luke 1.68-79)

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 ...

REFRAINS

ORDINARY TIME

Sunday

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, * born of the house of your servant David.

Monday

You have set us free to worship you without fear, * Holy and righteous in your sight.

Tuesday

In your tender compassion, O God, * the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

You promised, O God, to save us from our enemies, * from the hands of all that hate us.

Friday

Give your people knowledge of salvation, O God, * by the forgiveness of all their sins.

Saturday

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

THE SEASONS

Advent

Look towards the east, O Jêrúsalem, * and see the glory that is coming from Gód.

From 17 December until Christmas Eve

Like the sun in the morning sky, the Saviour of the world will dawn; * like rain upon the meadows, the Christ will come down upon us.

Christmas

To us is born a Saviour, who is Christ the Lórd; * and all the heav'nly hosts now sing, Glory to God in the highest.

Epiphany

This is the Christ, the Chosen of Gód, * the one who will bring healing to the nátions.

Lent

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

Passiontide

The word of the cross is folly to those who are périshing * but to those who are being saved it is the power of Gód.

Easter

Alleluia. Christ is risen from the déad; * by his death he has trampled down death and though the grave all life has been set free. Állélúia.

Ascension until Pentecost

Christ has gone up on high, * and has led captivity captive. Állélúia.

All Saints until Advent

You will guide us with your counsêl, O Gód, * and after, receive us with glóry.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

1 January Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

You shall call his nãme Jêsus * for he will save his people from their síns.

The Baptism of Christ

Jesus is baptized and the whole world is mãde hóly; * Christ washes away our sins and purifies us with the Hóly Spírit.

2 February – Candlemas

The parents of Jesus marvelled at what wãs sãid about him, * and Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her héart.

Maundy Thursday

Christ loved those who wêre hís, * and showed them how deep wãs his lóve for them.

Good Friday

Over his head they put the charge against him; * this is Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jêws.

Easter Eve

Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up, sãys the Lórd; * this he said of the temple that wãs his body.

Ascension Day

I am ascending to my Father and to yóur Father; * to my God and your God. Állélúia.

Trinity Sunday

Holy, holy, holy is the Góð of hósts; * who was and who is and who is to cóme.

Corpus Christi

I am the living bread which came dówn fròm héav'n; * whoever eats of this bread will live fòr éver.

Divine Compassion of Christ

Christ loves us with an everlásting lóve * and shows us mercy and còmpassion.

1 November All Saints' Day

The righteous will shine líke the sún * in the highest héav'n.

Christ the King

God raised Christ fròm the déad, * and enthroned him at his right hánd in héav'n.

SANCTORALE

20 January Founders of Anglican Franciscan Communities

Blessed are you who are póor, * for yours is the kingdóm of Góð.

19 March Joseph of Nazareth

**Behold the faithful and wíse sérvant, * who thte Master placed over his hóusehold.
[...household. Állélúia.]**

25 March Annunciation of our Lord

The Word of God, begotten of the Father before tíme begán, * humbled himself for us and was incarnate from the Holy Spírit and the Vírgin Máry. [... Virgin Mary. Állélúia.]

24 June Birth of John the Baptist

Elizabeth, the wife of Zechariah, brought fòrth a són; * he grew and became stróng in spírit.

22 July Mary Magdalene

After the Sabbath, towards the dawn of the first day of the wéek, * Mary Magdalene went to the tómb.

6 August Transfiguration of our Lord

Christ, who is the very image of the Fáther, * was revealed in glory upon the hóly móuntain.

11 August Clare of Assisi

It is your Fátter's gööd pléasure * to give you the kingdóm of héav'n

14 September Holy Cross Day

Far be it from mé to glóry, * save in he cross of our Lord Jésus Chríst.

17 September Stigmata of Francis

There will appear in heaven the sign that heralds the Rêdêemer, * whom they will see coming in powèr and glóry.

29 September Michael and all Angels

**There was silence in heav'n while the dragon wäged wár; *
and Michael and his angels fought against him, and wón the víctory.**

4 October Francis of Assisi

He was as the mórníng stár, * and as the sun shining upon the temple of the Móst Hígh.

30 October Dedication of all Franciscan Churches or Chapels

My house shall be called a house of práyer; * a refuge for àll péoples.

2 November \All Souls Day

I am the resurrection and the lífe; * whoever believes in me, even though they díe, will líve.

Dedication Festival – see 30 October

COMMON OF SAINTS

The BVM

In the womb of Mary, you found a dwelling place on earth, Ó Christ; * remain for ever in our hearts. [...in our hearts. Allélúia.]

Apostles

You did not choose me but I chose you * and I appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that shall last. [...that shall last. Allélúia.]

Evangelists

We bring you the good news that what God promised to our ancestors; * he has fulfilled for us their children by raising Jesús. [...by raising Jesus. Allélúia.]

Martyrs

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the cause of right, * for theirs is the kingdom of heav'n. [... kingdom of heav'n. Allélúia.]

Teachers of the Faith

Those who are wise will shine as brightly as the heav'ns, * and those who have instructed many in virtue will shine like stars for all éternity. [...for all eternity. Allélúia.]

Bishops and other Pastors

I will give you shepherds after my own heart * who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. [... understanding. Allélúia.]

Members of Religious Communities

They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; * they shall mount up with wings as an eagle. [...as an eagle. Allélúia.]

Missionaries

Christ gave them as a light to the nations * that his salvation might reach to the ends of the earth. [...ends of the earth. Allélúia.]

Any Saint

They were faithful until death * and God has given them the crown of life. [...crown of life. Allélúia.]

The Departed

I am the resurrection and the life; * whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

The Guidance of the Holy Spirit

I will pour out my Spirit on the earth * and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. [...shall be saved. Allélúia.]

For the Unity of the Church

This is the message that we have heard from the beginning, * that we should love one another. [...one another. Allélúia.]

Mission and Evangelism

You are the light of the world. * A city built on a hill cannot be hid. [... cannot be hid. Allélúia.]

Ministry (Ember Days)

Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, * and whoever wishes to be first among you must be the servant of all. [... servant of all. Allélúia.]

Creation (Rogation Days & Harvest)

The Lord will indeed give all that is good * and our land will yield its increase.

Peace

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you; * do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. [... troubled or afraid. Allélúia.]

Social Justice

Blessed are the merciful, * for they will receive mercy. [...receive mercy. Allélúia.]