

# Services for Morning & Night Prayer at Home



The clergy and ordinands of the Benefice are committed to pray daily at 9am and 4pm in their homes.

Please feel free to use these resources from home to join us in prayer at those times, or at times of your own choosing.

## Morning Prayer



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

Early in the morning  
my prayer comes before you.  
Lord, have mercy.

You speak in my heart and say 'Seek my face';  
your face, Lord, will I seek.  
Christ, have mercy.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.  
Lord, have mercy.

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.  
You have made us in your image  
and in these last days you have spoken to us  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
your Spirit ever renew our lives  
and your praise ever be on our lips,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Blessed be God for ever.

## A Biblical Reading

*Select the reading listed for today from the Lectionary provided in the Home Resources booklet.*

### *The Gospel Canticle: Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel*

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

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel  
for he has come to his people and set them free.  
The Lord 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 who hate us.  
To show mercy to our forebears:  
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 before him 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 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 forever. Amen.

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

### **The Apostles' Creed (Sundays and feast days only)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Intercession/ Prayer

*Please add your own prayers to the guidance below:*

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Father.

Merciful God, we pray for ourselves and all Christians, that we may be a royal priesthood, a holy people, to the praise of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. We pray for June our bishop and for all bishops and other ministers, that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth...  
We pray that we may all be strengthened in our faith, our love and our service ...

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who bear the responsibility of government in this and every nation through this difficult time.....  
We pray for the people of this nation, and of our community, that you will show your mercy to us all ...

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who work within the NHS at this time, and for all who are sick or in any other kind of trouble, that you will deliver them and keep them in our love ...

We pray for the departed, commending them to your eternal love ...

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to you,  
Lord God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *is now said.*

### **Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,  
to know you is eternal life,  
to serve you is perfect freedom:  
defend us in all assaults of our enemies,  
that we, surely trusting in your protection,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Collect for Grace**

O Lord and heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
we thank you for bringing us safely  
to the beginning of this new day:  
defend us by your mighty power  
that we may be kept free from all sin  
and safe from every danger;  
and enable us in everything  
to do only what is right in your eyes;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord bless us and protect us from evil  
and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## Night Prayer / Compline



The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night  
and a perfect end.

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.

*Silent prayer/reflection on the past day.*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel.  
My heart teaches me, night after night.  
Lord, have mercy.

We have waited in silence on your loving kindness, God,  
in the midst of your temple.  
Christ, have mercy.

I lie down in peace, at once I fall asleep,  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Psalm** *choose either Psalm 134 or Psalm 104 listed below.*

### Psalm 134

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!  
Lift up your hands to the holy place,  
and bless the LORD.  
May the LORD, maker of heaven and earth,  
bless you from Zion.

## Psalm 104. 1,21-33

Bless the Lord O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.  
You are clothed with honour and majesty  
The young lions roar for their prey,  
seeking their food from God.  
When the sun rises, they withdraw  
and lie down in their dens.  
People go out to their work  
and to their labour until the evening.  
O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.  
There go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.  
These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;  
when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.  
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works—  
who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke,  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

## The Reading - Revelation 22.4,5

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

*A time of silent reflection may follow the reading.*

## The Gospel Canticle: Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now you have set your servant free:  
to go in peace as you have promised.  
For these eyes of mine have seen your salvation:  
which you have prepared for all the world to see;  
A light to reveal you to the nations:  
and to give glory to your people Israel.

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.

Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me,  
Lord God of truth.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.  
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The Lord is here.  
His Spirit is with us.

## The Lord's Prayer *is now said.*

Visit this place, Lord, we pray,  
drive far from it all the snares of the enemy;  
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace  
and may your blessing be always upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Save us, Lord, while waking,  
and guard us, while sleeping;  
that, awake, we may watch with Christ  
and, asleep, we may rest in peace. Amen.

*(Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer for use in the Church in Wales 2009)*