



# **An Order for Morning Prayer**

## **for Ascension Day**

# Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

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

Your throne has been established from of old;

**All you are from everlasting. Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, creator God,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the darkness of death you have raised your Christ  
to the right hand of your majesty on high.

The pioneer of our faith, his passion accomplished,  
has opened for us the way to heaven  
and sends on us the promised Spirit.

May we be ready to follow the Way  
and so be brought to the glory of his presence  
where songs of triumph for ever sound:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

***This opening prayer may be said***

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***

***The appointed psalmody 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.***

***If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.***

### ***Canticle***

***All The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.***

***All See what the Lord our God has done  
and exalt him in the sight of the living.***

- 1 Blessed be God, who lives for ever, •  
whose reign endures throughout all ages.
- 2 Declare God's praise before the nations, •  
you who are the children of Israel.
- 3 For if our God has scattered you among them, •  
there too has he shown you his greatness.
- 4 Exalt him in the sight of the living, •  
because he is our Lord and God and our Father for ever.
- 5 Though God punishes you for your wickedness, •  
mercy will be shown to you all.

- 6 God will gather you from every nation, •  
from wherever you have been scattered.
- 7 When you turn to the Lord  
with all your heart and soul, •  
God will hide his face from you no more.
- 8 See what the Lord has done for you •  
and give thanks with a loud voice.
- 9 Praise the Lord of righteousness •  
and exalt the King of the ages.

*Tobit 13.1,3,4-6a*

**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** **See what the Lord our God has done  
and exalt him in the sight of the living.**

### ***Scripture Reading***

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

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

***A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or  
another form, may follow***

Sing to the Lord and bless his name;

**All tell out his salvation from day to day.**

God has gone up with a merry noise;

**All sing to the Lord and bless his name.**

The Lord with the sound of the trumpet:

**All tell out his salvation from day to day.**

He has led captivity captive,  
and given gifts to his people.

**All Sing to the Lord and bless his name;  
tell out his salvation from day to day.**

*from Psalms 47 and 68*

### **Gospel Canticle**

#### **Refrain:**

**All I am ascending to my Father  
and to your Father;  
to my God and your God. Alleluia.**

- 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 I am ascending to my Father  
and to your Father;  
to my God and your God. Alleluia.**

# 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**

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Silence may be kept.*

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

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus  
Christ

to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

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

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All** **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**

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,  
bring us to reign with him in glory.

**All** **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**