

Morning Prayer

7th August - 8th Sunday after Trinity

(We will be following this in our own homes at 10.30am)

Please read these words out loud, or in your heart.

Preparation

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

Give us the joy of your saving help  
and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept, to ask forgiveness of our sins  
and to seek God's strength for our life of service.*

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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,  
your very great reward."

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

<sup>6</sup> Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

New Testament reading: Luke 12:32-40

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. <sup>38</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. <sup>39</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Benedictus

- 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.

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.

### Prayers

*Please offer your own prayers following these suggestions, if you wish, with the response below:*

- ¶ for the day and its tasks
- ¶ for the world and its needs
- ¶ for the Church and her life

Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

*Silence may be kept.*

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:  
through your Son you have redeemed us;  
in your Spirit you have made us your own.  
May our hearts respond to your love;  
may our lives bear witness to your glory in the world;  
may our wills be eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.  
Make our voices one with your people in heaven.  
Lord receive our praise.  
Amen.

### Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
"Our Father, who art in heaven ..."  
*The Lord's Prayer is said*

### **The Conclusion**

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise,  
more than we can utter, more than we can conceive,  
be to you, most holy and glorious Trinity,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
by all angels, all people, all creatures,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Let us go in the peace of Christ;  
thanks be to God.

*Our services today take place at:  
Mickley (BCP Holy Communion) at 9.00 am;  
Grewelthorpe (Holy Communion), Kirkby Malzeard (Holy Communion) and Winksley  
(Morning Worship) at 10.30 am;  
Dallowgill Chapel of the Resurrection (Evening Prayer) at 6.00 pm*

***Everyone from across the benefice (and beyond) is welcome at all services.***