

## Morning prayer – 6<sup>th</sup> May

### Please join in with the words in Bold.....

O Lord, open our lips

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

In your resurrection, O Christ,

**All** let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt  
and led them to freedom in the promised land,  
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,  
rejoice in this new day you have made,  
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

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

### *Psalm 135*

**Refrain:** *Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

1 Alleluia.

Praise the name of the Lord;   
give praise, you servants of the Lord,

2 You that stand in the house of the Lord,   
in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;   
make music to his name, for it is lovely.

4 For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself   
and Israel for his own possession. *R*

5 For I know that the Lord is great   
and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 The Lord does whatever he pleases  
in heaven and on earth,   
in the seas and in all the deeps.

7 He brings up the clouds from the ends of the earth;   
he makes lightning with the rain  
and brings the winds out of his treasuries. *R*

8 He smote the firstborn of Egypt,   
the firstborn of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt,   
upon Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 He smote many nations   
and slew mighty kings:

11 Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
and Og, the king of Bashan, ◆  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

12 He gave their land as a heritage, ◆  
a heritage for Israel his people. *R*

13 Your name, O Lord, endures for ever ◆  
and shall be remembered through all generations.

14 For the Lord will vindicate his people ◆  
and have compassion on his servants. *R*

15 The idols of the nations are but silver and gold, ◆  
the work of human hands.

16 They have mouths, but cannot speak; ◆  
eyes have they, but cannot see;

17 They have ears, but cannot hear; ◆  
neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18 Those who make them shall become like them, ◆  
and so will all who put their trust in them. *R*

19 Bless the Lord, O house of Israel; ◆  
O house of Aaron, bless the Lord.

20 Bless the Lord, O house of Levi; ◆  
you who fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

21 Blessed be the Lord from Zion, ◆  
who dwells in Jerusalem.  
Alleluia.

***Refrain: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.***

*Wise and gracious God,  
save us from the idols of our hearts  
and keep us in your living presence,  
that we may become a people for your praise  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**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.**

### ***Scripture Reading***

#### ***Luke 3:15-22***

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, 'I baptise you with<sup>[a]</sup> water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.' <sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

<sup>19</sup> But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, <sup>20</sup> Herod added this to them all: he locked John up in prison.

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

Death is swallowed up in victory.

**All Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**All Death is swallowed up in victory.**

The trumpet will sound  
and the dead shall be raised.

**All Where, O death, is your sting?**

We shall not all sleep,  
but we shall be changed.

**All Death is swallowed up in victory.**

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

**All The Lord is risen from the tomb  
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. 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.

**Refrain:**

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who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.

**Prayers**

**Between each prayer I shall say:**

Lord, receive our praise,  
and hear our prayer.

Our prayers will end with:

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

***Silence may be kept.***

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

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**All** Amen.

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

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

**The Conclusion**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

**All** Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.