

Morning Prayer for Holy Wednesday

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

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving power among the nations.

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.

Psalm:

We read Psalm 102

Old Testament Reading:

We read Isaiah 50: 4-9

Psalm:

We read Psalm 70

New Testament Reading:

We read John 13: 21-32

Benedictus:

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.

Luke 1.68–79

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Kyrie:

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.
We ask for your mercy and your help.
When we take our ease
rather than watch with you:
Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

When we bestow a kiss of peace
yet nurse enmity in our hearts:
Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

When we strike at those who hurt us
rather than stretch out our hands to bless:
Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Silent Prayer

Use this time to pray for:

Our Church Family

Our loved ones

Our Queen and Her Government

Those who are lonely, isolated and anxious

Those suffering in any way from the Corona Virus

For those who you know who are sick

For those who have died

Finally pray for yourself, for your health and wellbeing and for anything that is weighing particularly heavy on your heart at this morning.

The Lord's Prayer:

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.
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 Collect:

God most holy, we give you thanks for bringing us out of the shadow of night into the light of morning; and we ask you for the joy of spending this day in your service, so that when evening comes, we may once more give you thanks, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.