

## The Draycot Benefice

*The parishes of Christian Malford, Kington Langley, Seagry,  
Sutton Benger and Tytherton Kellaways*

# Morning Prayer

*A service to use at home when you can't get to church. This service can be used  
by one person: if there is more than one of you, say the words in bold together.*

## Preparation

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

**Visit us with your salvation  
and sustain us with your gracious Spirit.**

O come let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the gift of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms

For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.

Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God;  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*From The Venite*

**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.**

**Visit us with your salvation  
and sustain us with your gracious Spirit.**

## A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your dawn renews the face of the earth  
bringing light and life to all creation,  
may we rejoice in this day you have made;  
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,  
open our eyes to behold your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.  
Blessed be God Father Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Word of God

*Short passages of Scripture for reading and contemplation*

- **Psalm 27.** *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*
- **Psalm 46.** *Be still, and know that I am God.*
- **Psalm 91.** *He shall cover you with his wings.*
- **Psalm 139.** *O Lord, you have searched me out and known me.*
- **Isaiah 43.** (esp vv.1-7) *Do not fear, for I am with you.*
- **John 14.** *Do not let your hearts be troubled.*

## ***The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)***

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*

**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

*Prayers for when you can't get to church*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.  
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.  
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,  
and keep me in your care. **Amen.**

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

*From St Patrick's Breastplate*

I am giving you worship with all my life,  
I am giving you obedience with all my power,  
I am giving you praise with all my strength,  
I am giving you honour with all my speech.  
I am giving you love with all my heart,  
I am giving you affection with all my sense,  
I am giving you my being with all my mind,  
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.  
Praise to the Father, Praise to the Son,  
Praise to the Spirit,  
The Three in One.

*Adapted from Alexander Carmichael, Carmina Gadelica (1900)*

## 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.  
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.**

## Conclusion

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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