

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

You laid the foundation of the earth

All and the heavens are the work of your hands.

A Song of the Bride

- 1 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, ◆
my soul shall exult in my God;
- 2 Who has clothed me with the garments of salvation, ◆
and has covered me with the cloak of integrity,
- 3 As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, ◆
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- 4 For as the earth puts forth her blossom, ◆
and as seeds in the garden spring up,
- 5 So shall God make righteousness and praise ◆
blossom before all the nations.
- 6 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, ◆
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
- 7 Until her deliverance shines out like the dawn, ◆
and her salvation as a burning torch.
- 8 The nations shall see your deliverance, ◆
and all rulers shall see your glory;
- 9 Then you shall be called by a new name ◆
which the mouth of God will give.
- 10 You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, ◆
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Isaiah 61.10,11; 62.1-3

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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 from the Bible In One Year is said.*

New Testament *The New Testament reading from the BIOY is said.*

Canticle *A Song of the Messiah*

Refrain: All **To us a child is born, to us a son is given.**

- 1 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; ◆
 those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
 upon them the light has dawned.
- 2 You have increased their joy and given them great gladness; ◆
 they rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest.
- 3 For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them; ◆
 the collar that lay heavy on their shoulders.
- 4 For to us a child is born and to us a son is given, ◆
 and the government will be upon his shoulder.
- 5 And his name will be called: Wonderful Counsellor;
 the Mighty God; ◆
 the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.
- 6 Of the increase of his government and of peace ◆
 there will be no end,
- 7 Upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, ◆

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to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness.

- 8 From this time forth and for evermore; ♦
the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9.2,3b,4a,6,7

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

Monday: Pray for the elderly & vulnerable in our city and Mercy Ministries

Tuesday: for the Families, Children and Young people of our City

Wednesday: Pray for Alpha and for people to come to faith

Thursday: For our Students and Young Adults

Friday: Pray for our Fellowship Groups and our life together as a church

Saturday: Pray for all those in need in our communities

Sunday: Pray for the church across our city that we would work together in unity

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect of the day or the following is said

Almighty God,

who wonderfully created us in your own image

and yet more wonderfully restored us

through your Son Jesus Christ:

grant that, as he came to share our humanity,

so we may share the life of his divinity;

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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

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 God, who has called us out of darkness
into his marvellous light,
bless us and fill us with peace.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.