Morning Prayer from All Saints' Day until the day before the First Sunday of Advent

Preparation

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

Your faithful servants bless you. *All***They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, ruler and judge of all, to you be praise and glory for ever. In the darkness of this age that is passing away may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy surround our steps as we journey on. May we reflect your glory this day and so be made ready to see your face in the heavenly city where night shall be no more. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *All*Blessed be God for ever.

a suitable hymn, or A Song of Trust in God

1As the deer longs for the water brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.

2My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; • when shall I come before the presence of God?

3My tears have been my bread day and night, ◆ while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'

4Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: how I went with the multitude and led the procession to the house of God,

5With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, • among those who kept holy day.

6Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me? 7O put your trust in God; ♦ for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 42.1-7

AllGlory 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.

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 is said.

12 th November	Psalm 26
19 th November	Psalm 61
26 th November	Psalm 125

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.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

Old Testament readings

12 th November	Daniel 6
19 th November	Daniel 9: 20-end
26 th November	Isaiah 41:8-20

Canticle

A Song of the New Creation, or another suitable canticle, for example, <u>number</u> <u>28 (page 579)</u>, <u>number 46 (page 598)</u> or <u>number 47 (page 599)</u>, may be said

Refrain:

All will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

1'I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.'

2Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, • a path in the mighty waters,

3'Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

4'Behold, I am doing a new thing; • now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

5'I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, ◆ to give drink to my chosen people,

6'The people whom I formed for myself, • that they might declare my praise.'

Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21

AllGlory 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.

All will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

New Testament readings

12 th November	Revelation 8
19 th November	Revelation 12
26 th November	Revelation 16:12-end

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord, *All***my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.** The heavens bear witness to your wonders; *All***I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.** The assembly of your saints proclaims your truth; *All***my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. *All***I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord, my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

from Psalm 89

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said, or the <u>Te Deum Laudamus (A Song of the Church) (page 636)</u> may be said

Refrain:

AllYou will guide us with your counsel, O God, and afterwards receive us with glory.

1Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦ who has come to his people and set them free.

2He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David. 3Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

4To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦ and to remember his holy covenant.

5This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: • to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

7And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, • for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8To give his people knowledge of salvation • by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9In the tender compassion of our God ♦ the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10To 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

AllGlory 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:

AllYou will guide us with your counsel, O God, and afterwards receive us with glory.

Prayers

Intercessions are offered ¶ for the day and its tasks ¶ for the world and its needs ¶ for the Church and her life

Prayers may include the following concerns from the cycle on pages 364–365

¶ The saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven **¶** All people, that they may hear and believe the word of God **¶** All who fear the winter months ¶ All sovereigns and political leaders, that they may imitate the righteous rule of Christ ¶ All who grieve or wait with the dying

A form of prayer found <u>on page 384</u> may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said or a prayer from Prayer for the nation booklet

The Lord's Prayer is said

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

AllOur 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.

(or)

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*All*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.

The Conclusion

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven, bring us to reign with him in glory. *All*Amen.

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

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