

The Stanwick Benefice

Zoom Morning Worship

Welcome

Hymn

Greeting & Opening Responses

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

O God, you summon the day to dawn; you teach the morning to waken the earth.
Great is your name. great is your love.

For you the valleys will sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Great is your name. great is your love.

To you the monarchs of earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy:
Great is your name. great is your love.

Your love and justice shall last for ever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.
Great is your name. great is your love.

A Prayer for Today

Lord, be with us this day, within us to purify us; above us to draw us up; beneath us to sustain us; before us to lead us; behind us to restrain us; around us to protect us.
Amen. *(St Patrick)*

Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.
(cf Titus 2 v 11)

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *you* from *your* sins,
and restore *you* in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Praise

Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

Venite – a Song of Triumph (Psalm 95)

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock 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.
In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

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.**

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.

Bible Readings

These words may be said after the readings:

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:
thanks be to God.

Benedictus - The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1v68-79)

Response: At the dawning of the day, your light will scatter the darkness

Blessed are you, Lord, the /God of / Israel
you have come to your people and / set them / free.
You have raised up for us a / mighty / Saviour
born of the house of your / servant / David. *Response*

Through your holy prophets you / promised of / old
to save us from the hands of our enemies,
from the hands of / all who / hate us.
To show mercy / to our / forebears
and to remember your / holy covenant. *Response*

This was the oath God swore to our / father / Abraham
to set us free from the / hands of our / enemies.
Free to worship you / without / fear
holy and righteous before you,
all the / days of our / life. *Response*

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the / Most / High
for you will go before the Lord to pre / pare the / way.
To give God's people knowledge / of sal / vation
by the forgiveness / of their / sins. *Response*

In the tender compassion / of our / God
the dawn from on high shall / break up / on us.
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the sha/dow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Response*

Glory to God / source of all / being
Eternal Word and / Holy / Spirit:
as it was in the beg / inning is / now
and shall be for ever. A / men. *Response*

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

These or other prayers may be used:

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:
through your Son you have redeemed us;
in your Spirit you have made us as your own.

We pray for ... (*new Christians, the Church*)
Make our hearts respond to your love.
Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We pray for ... (*the world, society, the local community*)
Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.
Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We pray for ... (*people in need, Christian service*)
Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.
Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We give thanks for ...

Make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Lord of life,

hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and mind

to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

Collect

The Collect for the Day and / or this Collect may be used:

Almighty and most merciful God,

we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day.

Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,

order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.

Hymn

Closing Responses

Now may God who brought us into the joyous light of this new day,

bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

God above us, God beneath us, God behind us, God before us,

God in quietness, God in danger, God in heart of friend and stranger.

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