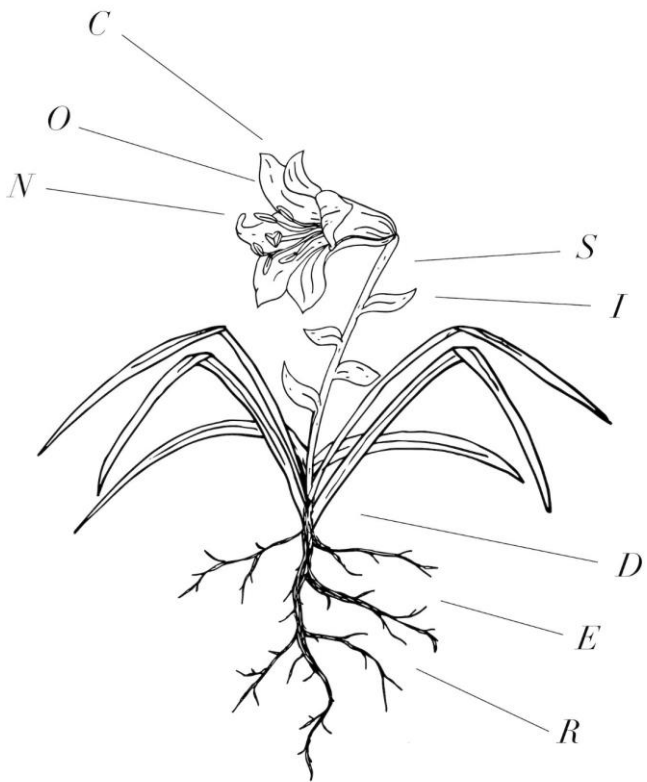


Together with Christians around the world, we gather in this community to say morning prayer. In the quiet of this chapel, we speak words of truth and trust to start the day. Today is God's gift. Please use the silence now to prepare to pray. Please respond when the words are **BOLD**.



MORNING PRAYER

Friday



- 1 O Lord, open our lips,
and we shall praise your name.
- 2 God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself
and has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation.
- 3 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.**
- 4 **The leader may bring a prayer of penitence.**
- 5 **This or some other hymn or canticle, as brought by the leader:**

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine:
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.**

6 Blessed are you, Lord our God,
Giver of life,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
At the opening of this day
you call us out of darkness
into your marvellous light.
Blessèd are you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

7 Today's Psalm is read antiphonally.
The leader's side of the chapel will read verse 1 and all subsequent odd numbered verses. The opposite side will respond with the even numbered verses. The leader will introduce the Gloria at the end of the Psalm for all to join in with the bold type.

The psalm ends with

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.**

8 Today's Scripture is read.

The reading concludes with

This is the Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

9 A canticle, or hymn, as brought by the leader.

10 Let us offer our prayer
with all God's people
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who ever lives to pray for us.

The leader will offer prayers in a form of their choosing.

On Fridays, we remember former students of Wesley House and our partner institutions in Africa.

The prayers conclude with:

God of compassion and mercy,
listen to our prayer.
May what we ask in Jesus Christ your Son
be done according to his word, who said,
 'Ask, and you will receive,
 seek, and you will find,
 knock, and the door will be opened to you.'
To you, merciful God,
through your Son,
in the life-giving Spirit,
be glory and praise for ever. **Amen.**

11 *The Lord's Prayer* (You are welcome to use whichever form/language you know.)

We say together the prayer that Jesus gave us:
**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

12 Lord our God,
as with all creation
we offer you the life of this new day,
give us grace to love and serve you
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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