

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
Wednesday



1 O Lord, open our lips,
and we shall praise your name.

2 The Lord is in his holy temple,
let all the earth be silent in his presence.

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 A canticle or hymn, as brought by the leader, or the following:

Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

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

**The Lord 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 who hate us,
to show mercy to our forebears,
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 before him all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from heaven 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.**

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.**

- 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 Wednesdays, we remember former students of Wesley House and our partner institutions in the Americas.

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.