

Blyth Valley Parishes

Morning Prayer

(Sunday)

Welcome to this service. Worship follows the order set out below. Please join in by reading the words in **Bold type**. The Minister will direct where alternative texts are offered. If you are able, you are invited to stand and sit as suggested. Do ask the people you met at the door if you need any assistance. We pray you find this experience of God with us meaningful, healing and life-changing.

Preparation

Stand for entry of minister(s) and hymn

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

Benedicite

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: • sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens: • sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: • sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all people on earth: • sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord: • sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord: • sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: • sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: • bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

A minute's 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. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Psalm(s)

Verses usually read by each side alternately, pausing at the diamond. The refrain is said by all at the beginning and after:

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.

Canticle

Said as the Psalm

Splendour and majesty are yours, O God; you are exalted as head over all.

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, • for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; • yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.

Riches and honour come from you • and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might; • yours it is to give power and strength to all.

And now we give you thanks, our God, • and praise your glorious name.

For all things come from you, • and of your own have we given you.

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.

Splendour and majesty are yours, O God; you are exalted as head over all.

Hymn Stand

Two Scripture Readings

Sermon

Hymn Stand

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.
You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.
Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.

Gospel Canticle

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of your servant David.

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

He 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 that hate us,

To show mercy to our ancestors, • 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 in his sight all the days of our life.

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

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

In the tender compassion of our God • the dawn from on high 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.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of your servant David.

Sit

Prayers

These responses may be used Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us. A minute's silence is kept.

The Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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.

Hymn Stand

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand for exit of minister(s)