



Morning Prayer

Generosity and Stewardship: “*All things come from you*”

¶ Preparation

God provides us with every blessing in abundance;

glory be to God.

that we may share abundantly in every good work.

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2 Corinthians 9.8

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

James 1.17-18

¶ The Word of God

Psalmody: Psalm 104.24-end

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

24 The sun rises and they are gone
to lay themselves down in their dens.

25 **People go forth to their work
and to their labour until the evening.**

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

- 27 There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.**
- 28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.
- 29 All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.**
- 30 When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good.
- 31 When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.**
- 32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;**
- 34 He looks on the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have my being.**
- 36 So shall my song please him
while I rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Reading

Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

'But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep for ever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts towards you.

I Chronicles 29.10-18

Silence is kept.

Response

Jesus said, I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

'I am the good shepherd, I lay down my life for the sheep.'

John 10.10; 14-15

¶ Prayers

We pray for God's grace.

Gracious God,

in your mercy, hear us.

Generous God,

we thank you for this beautiful, rich and abundant world

which you have created and entrusted to our care;

give us wisdom to manage resources well

and to practice Spirit-filled generosity.

Gracious God,

in your mercy, hear us.

Eternal God,

we pray for the church,

especially remembering parishes within the Diocese of York.

Encourage our hearts to respond to your love,

help us to grow in faith, and work together to grow your kingdom.

Gracious God,

in your mercy, hear us.

Giving God,

you gave us this world to cherish.

Give your wisdom to leaders of all nations,

that they may fulfill their calling and pursue justice and peace

within and between all countries.

Guide the people of this land to be fair and generous

in our public and private life together.

Gracious God,

in your mercy, hear us.

Healing God,
we remember all those in need of care and compassion.
Soothe the disordered mind, calm the troubled spirit,
and ease the pains of body.
Fill them with your peace.
We remember especially those known to us.

Silence is kept.

Gracious God,
in your mercy, hear us.

Loving God,
we pray for ourselves.
Help us to be generous people offering our time,
our skills and abilities, and our money to your service.
Guard us from holding tight when we should be letting go
and honouring you as Lord of all we have.
Gracious God,
in your mercy, hear us.

Coming to you with thankful hearts,
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.**

¶ Conclusion

Generous and loving God,
we offer you thanks and praise
as we recognise that all we receive comes from you.

Guide us as stewards of your abundance,
and caretakers of all you have entrusted to us,
that with thankful hearts our faithful stewardship
will bear witness to your glory.

In Jesus Christ's name,

Amen.

**Let us go onward to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's generosity,
and to grow more into the likeness of Christ.**

Amen.

