Morning Prayer on Sunday 6 September 2020  
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

A form of penitence.

_The Lord is full of compassion and mercy_  
_all slow to anger and of great kindness._

_He has not dealt with us according to our sins_  
_all nor rewarded us according to our wickedness._

_For as the heavens are high above the earth_  
_all so great is his mercy upon those who fear Him._

_Silence is kept for reflection

_all Holy God_  
_holy and strong_  
_holy and immortal_  
_have mercy upon us._

_As far as the east is from the west,_  
_all so far has he set our sins from us_  

_As a father has compassion on his children,_  
_all so is the Lord merciful to all who fear him._

_Bless the Lord, O my soul,_  
_all and all that is within me bless his holy name._

_Bless the Lord, O my soul,_  
_all and forget not all his benefits._

_The Benedicite – a Song of Creation

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

2 Bless the Lord you heavens: ♦
   sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

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

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

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

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

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

   The Song of the Three 35-37, 60-65

All
May Christ the true, the only light,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

This opening prayer may be said

Blessed are you, creator of all,
to you be praise and glory forever.
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in this day you have made;
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

All
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All
Blessed be God forever. Amen after Lancelot Andrewes (1626)

The Word of God
Psalm 119.17-32

Refrain:
Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.

17 O do good to your servant that I may live, and so shall I keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see the wonders of your law.

19 I am a stranger upon earth; hide not your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed at all times with fervent longing for your judgements. R

21 You have rebuked the arrogant; cursed are those who stray from your commandments.

22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, for I have kept your testimonies.

23 Rulers also sit and speak against me, but your servant meditates on your statutes.

24 For your testimonies are my delight; they are my faithful counsellors. R

25 My soul cleaves to the dust; O give me life according to your word.

26 I have acknowledged my ways and you have answered me; O teach me your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, and so shall I meditate on your wondrous works.

28 My soul melts away in tears of sorrow; raise me up according to your word. R

29 Take from me the way of falsehood; be gracious to me through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of truth and your judgements have I laid before me.

31 I hold fast to your testimonies; O Lord, let me not be put to shame.
32 I will run the way of your commandments, when you have set my heart at liberty.

Refrain: 
All Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.

Faithful God, let your word be the treasure of our hearts, that we may delight in your truth and walk in the glorious liberty of your Son Jesus Christ.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with 
All
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.

Rom 13 8 - end

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”, and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbour as yourself.” 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. 11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation 12 is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; 13 let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Short reflection - Dugald.

Reflective music from Jeremy

Canticle
A Song of the New Creation
Refrain:

All I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert
1 ‘I am the Lord, your Holy One, ♦
   the Creator of Israel, your King.’

2 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, ♦
   a path in the mighty waters,

3 ‘Remember not the former things, ♦
   nor consider the things of old.

4 ‘Behold I am doing a new thing; ♦
   now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

5 ‘I will make a way in the wilderness
   and rivers in the desert, ♦
   to give drink to my chosen people.

6 ‘The people whom I formed for myself, ♦
   that they might declare my praise.

Isaiah 43. 15,16,18,19,20c,21

All 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.

All I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18. 15 - 20

15 “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point
   out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens
to you, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened
to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may
be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the
member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the
offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to
you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever
you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you
loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.
19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about
   anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.
20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there
among them.”

Short reflection - Christina.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead
All **And Christ shall give you light.**
You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

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

All **And Christ shall give you light.**
When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory

All **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.** from Colossians 3

Reflective music from Jeremy

**Gospel Canticle**
**The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)**
**Refrain:**

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

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

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6 Free to worship him without fear, 
   holy and righteous in his sight 
   all the days of our life.

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

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

9 In the tender compassion of our God 
   the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, 
   and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

   Luke 1.68-79

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

   Prayers - Jill Watkins
   Intercessions are offered
   Lord, in your mercy
   hear our prayer
   (or)
   Lord, hear us.
   Lord, graciously hear us.

   Silence may be kept.

   The Collect of the day is said
   Almighty God,
   who called your Church to bear witness 
   that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: 
   help us to proclaim the good news of your love, 
   that all who hear it may be drawn to you; 
   through him who was lifted up on the cross, 
   and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 
   one God, now and for ever.
All
Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer is said
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
All
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.

The Conclusion
The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.
All
Amen.
Let us bless the Lord.
All
Thanks be to God.
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