



**The Parish of Abbeydale and Millhouses
St John the Evangelist and Holy Trinity**



Morning Prayer on Thursday in Ordinary Time

Preparation

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

The following is said:

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.

7 God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 67

**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**

This opening prayer may be said

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

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

Psalmody

The appointed psalm is said and 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**

First Reading

Canticle

A Song of the Covenant

Refrain:

**I have given you as a light to the nations,
and I have called you in righteousness.**

- 1 Thus says God, who created the heavens,
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;
- 2 Who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it,
- 3 'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
- 4 'I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
- 5 'To bring out the captives from the dungeon,
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.
- 6 'I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other.'

Isaiah 42.5-8a

**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**

**I have given you as a light to the nations,
and I have called you in righteousness.**

Second Reading *followed by*

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

from Isaiah 43

Gospel Cantic

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

Refrain:

**You promised, O God, to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us.**

- 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

**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 promised, O God, to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day or the following is said

O God, the author of peace
and lover of concord,
to know you is eternal life,
to serve you is perfect freedom.
Defend us your servants
from all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in your defence,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
Our Father in heaven ...

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.