



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



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**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.**