

The Church of England in
Lutterworth, Cotesbach and Bitteswell

Morning Prayer



The Gathering

Leader

O Lord, open our lips

All

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Psalm 134

Leader

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

◆ you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary ◆ and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth ◆ give you blessing out of Zion.

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.**

Opening Prayer

Leader

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

Silence is kept.

Leader As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
All 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*

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus from Luke 1.68-79

Leader God has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

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

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

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

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

All **This was the oath God swore to our father
Abraham: ♦ to set us free from the hands of our
enemies,**

Leader Free to worship him without fear, ♦ holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

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

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

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

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

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.**

Leader God has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

Bible Readings

The lectionary for the day is read.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon and Reflection

After a period of silence, there is an opportunity to share thoughts about the Bible texts.

Response

from Colossians 3

Leader Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

All **And Christ shall give you light.**

Leader You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

All **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Leader Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

All **And Christ shall give you light.**

Leader 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.**



Prayers

Intercessions

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

The Lord's Prayer

Leader Let us pray with confidence as our saviour has taught us,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**



The Dismissal

Conclusion

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

All **Amen.**

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**