



Morning Prayer Service

This is the message we have heard from Christ:
that God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1.5

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen



The opening Canticle, A Song of God's Herald

Go up to a high mountain
herald of good tidings to Zion:
Lift up your voice with strength,
Herald of good tidings to Jerusalem.
Lift up your voice, fear not:
say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"
See the Lord God, coming with power:
Coming to rule with his mighty arm.
He brings his reward for the people of God:
The recompense for those who are saved.
God will feed his flock like a shepherd:
And gather the lambs in his arms;
He will hold them to his breast:
And gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40.9-11



The Opening Prayer

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

Silence may be 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 Psalms as appointed.

Psalm 101

My song shall be of steadfastness and justice:
to you, Lord, will I sing.

I will be wise in the way of innocence:
O when will you come to me?

I will walk within my house:
in purity of heart.

I will set nothing evil before my eyes:
I hate the sin of backsliders, it shall get no hold on me.

Crookedness of heart shall depart from me:
I will know nothing of wickedness.

Those who secretly slander their neighbours I will destroy:
the proud look and the arrogant heart I will not endure.



My eyes shall look to the faithful in the land,
And they shall make their home with me:
those who walk in the way of innocence,
they shall minister to me.
No one who practises deceit shall live in my house:
no one who utters lies shall stand in my sight.
Morning by morning I will destroy
All the wicked of the land:
and cut off all evildoers from the city of the Lord.



At the end of the pause there may follow

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share our human nature, so we may be partakers in his divine glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Reading 1: Job 29: 11-16

When the ear heard, it commended me,
and when the eye saw, it approved;
because I delivered the poor who cried,
and the orphan who had no helper.

The blessing of the wretched came upon me,
and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
I put on righteousness, and it clothed me;
my justice was like a robe and a turban.

I was eyes to the blind,
and feet to the lame.

I was a father to the needy,
and I championed the cause of the stranger.



Reading 2: Acts 11: 19-30

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.



At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

May your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory.

An aerial photograph of a sandy beach. The ocean waves are visible on the left side, washing onto the shore. A series of footprints is visible on the sand, leading from the water towards the right side of the frame. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Address: 'In the Footsteps of St Barnabas.'
The Rev'd Dr Cathy Thomson,
Principal of St Barnabas College.

Reflection with Music:
William Byrd 'Ave Verum Corpus'
(Tallis Singers)



The Canticle, The Hymn of the Word.

In the beginning was the Word:

and the Word was with God,

And the Word was God:

He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through him:

and without him, was not anything made that was made.

In him was life:

and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness:

and the darkness has not overcome it.

He was in the world:

and the world was made through him

yet the world knew him not.

He came to his own home:

and his own people received him not.

But to all who received him who believed on his name:

he has given power to become children of God;



Who were born not of blood
nor of the will of the flesh:
nor of the will of a man but of God.
And the Word became flesh:
and dwelt among us full of grace and truth;
We have beheld his glory:
glory as of the only Son from the Father.
And from his fullness have we all received:
and grace upon grace.

John 1.1-5, 10-14, 16

The Prayers

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.



The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**



The Collect of the Day

Bountiful God, giver of all good gifts,
Who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas
And gave him grace to encourage others:
Help us, by his example,
To be generous in our judgements
And unselfish in our service;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

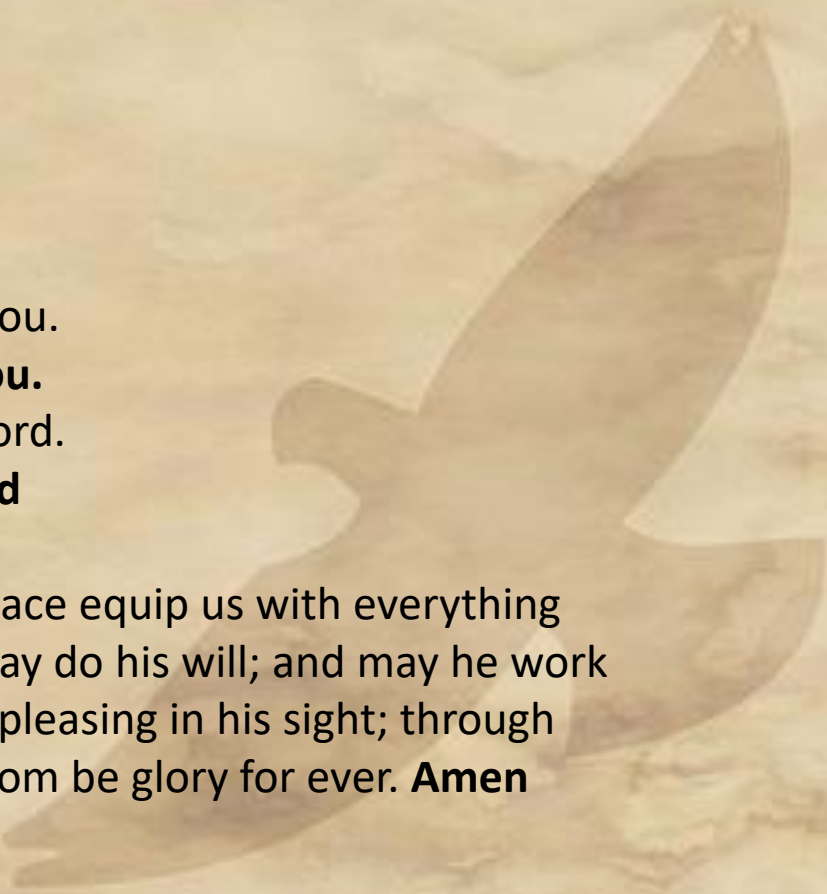
A close-up photograph of a hand lighting a candle. The hand is on the left, holding a lit matchstick. The matchstick is positioned over a candle in a glass holder. Several other lit candles in glass holders are visible in the foreground and background, creating a warm, glowing atmosphere. The background is dark, making the light from the candles stand out.

***Intercessions
and Thanksgivings***



The Morning Collect

Lord and heavenly Father,
you have brought us safely to this new day:
keep us by your mighty power, protect us from sin,
guard us from every kind of danger,
and in all we do this day
direct us in the fulfilling of your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God

May the God of peace equip us with everything good so that we may do his will; and may he work in us that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever. **Amen**