

**Morning Prayer –Saturday
St Cuthbert - Bishop**

In nomine Patris,et Filii,et Spiritus Sancti.

THE PREPARATION

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

You laid the foundation of the earth
And the heavens are the work of your hands.

**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.**

Alleluia!

THE OPENING CANTICLE:
A SONG OF GOD’S GLORIOUS NAME

- 1 O Lord our governor,*
how exalted is your name in all the world!
- 2 **Out of the mouths of infants and children***
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,*
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,***
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them?*
- 6 **You have made them little lower than the angels;***
you adorn them with glory and honour.
- 7 You give them mastery over the works of your hands;*
- 8 **All sheep and oxen,***
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,*
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 **O Lord our governor,***
how exalted is your name in all the world!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.**

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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!*
My soul has a desire and longing
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 **The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young;***
**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house!*
- 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you!***
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley
will find it a place of springs,*
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 **They will climb from height to height,*
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;*
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 **Behold our defender, O God;***
and look upon the face of your anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts
is better than a thousand in my own room,*
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 **For the Lord God is both sun and shield;***
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold*
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 **O Lord of hosts,*
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

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**and to the Holy Spirit.
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING
Job Ch 19
THE SECOND CANTICLE:

- Refrain: To us a child is born, to us a son is given;*
who is called Mighty God and Prince of Peace.
- 1 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;*
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
upon them the light has dawned.
- 2 **You have increased their joy
and given them great gladness;***
they rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest.
- 3 For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them;*
the collar that lay heavy on their shoulders.
- 4 **For to us a child is born and to us a son is given,*
and the government will be upon his shoulder.**
- 5 And his name will be called: Wonderful Counsellor;
the Mighty God;*
the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.
- 6 **Of the increase of his government and of peace*
there will be no end,**
- 7 Upon the throne of David and over his kingdom,*
to establish and uphold it
with justice and righteousness.
- 8 **From this time forth and for evermore;***
the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was, in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;*
who is called Mighty God and Prince of Peace.

THE SCRIPTURE READING
The Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians ch 3 v 14 – end.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE: BENEDICTUS

Refrain: God promised to remember his holy covenant*
and raised up for us a mighty Saviour.

- 1 Blessèd are you, Lord, the God of Israel,*
you have come to your people and set them free.
- 2 **You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,*
born of the house of your servant, David.**
- 3 Through your holy prophets, you promised of old*
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us,
- 4 **To show mercy to our forebears,*
and to remember your holy covenant.**
- 5 This was the oath you swore to our father, Abraham,*
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 **Free to worship you without fear,*
holy and righteous before you,
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 the way,
- 8 **To give God's people knowledge of salvation*
by the forgiveness of 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.**

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and to the Holy Spirit.
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THE PRAYERS

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray in faith and trust:each in their own language

Our Father Who art in heaven,

In the power of the Spirit and in union With Christ, Let us pray to the Father,

Intercessions led by
The Rev Kirsti Allto (Finland)
The Rev Tunde Edes (Hungary)
Ms Anne VandenHoeck (Belgium)
Fr Nuno Da Silva(Portugal)
Fr Angelo Brusco (Italy)
Fr John Vella (Malta)

THE KYRIES may be used as responses to intercession.

THE COLLECT For St Cuthbert

THE CONCLUSION
THE BLESSING

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.

The Blessing of God Almighty +In Welsh