

The Benefice of Hopton, Corton & Gunton Monday Morning Prayers



Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
Let us pray for 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.**

O come let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

(From Psalm 95)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way, the truth and the life:
Let us not stray from you who are the way, nor distrust your promises who are the truth, nor rest in anything but you who are the life, for beyond you there is nothing to be desired neither in heaven nor in earth.**

Amen.

(From a prayer of Erasmus 1536)

Psalm

Choose a Psalm and, at the end;

**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.**

It shall be said, 'Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way.'

For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. (*Isaiah 57:14-15*)

First reading

Choose a suitable reading from the Old Testament.

**God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love and to walk
in the ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

(From the Society of St. Francis)

Second Reading

Choose a suitable reading from the New Testament.

Eternal God, in your Son Jesus Christ you reveal your love for the world, and by the grace of the Holy Spirit you give us strength to share his mission in Hopton, Corton & Gunton. Help us to proclaim your good news through word and action and to draw others to know you, through the love and care we show to ur local communities and to the world in which we live. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for our Benefice and for the 4 churches; St. Margaret's, St. Bartholomew's, St. Benedict's and St. Peter's.

For the church events in the coming weeks.

For the people who live in Hopton, Corton and Gunton.

For the schools in our area.

For all who worship in our churches.

For our Rector, Nigel, AWA Pam, Lay Reader, Jackie and all who help to lead services.

For all who contribute to our church life.

For those who are ill or any kind of need, especially those who are on our hearts this day.

For our Bishops, Graham, Jane and Ian and all who lead our Diocese of Norwich.

For anything which troubles us or moves us.

As our Saviour taught all his disciples, so we pray:

**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.**

Eternal God our beginning and our end,
accompany us in this days' journey.
Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes
to praise you for your creation and to see
the work you set before us today.
Take us and use us to bring to others
the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of god,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, for evermore.
Amen.**

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