*Morning Prayer on Thursday*

**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips

***All***   **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*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.

***All***   **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

*Psalmody*

*A Psalm is read and may end with*

***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.**

*Scripture Reading*

*The reading may be followed by a time of silence.*

*A suitable song or this may follow*

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

***All***   **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.

***All***   **I have called you by name; you are mine.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

***All***   **Fear not, for I have redeemed you.**

**I have called you by name; you are mine.**

*from Isaiah 43*

**Prayers**

*Intercessions are offered finishing with:*

*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.

*All*  **Amen.**

*The Lord’s Prayer is said*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

***All***   **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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

**The Conclusion**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,

and keep us in eternal life.

***All***   **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

***All***   **Thanks be to God.**