



**The Parish of Abbeydale and Millhouses  
St John the Evangelist and Holy Trinity**



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**Morning Prayer on Wednesday in Ordinary Time**

**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*The following is said*

- 1 O Lord our governor,  
how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised  
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes,  
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- 5 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;  
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?
- 6 You have made them little lower than the angels  
and crown them with glory and honour.

7 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands  
and put all things under their feet,

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 moves in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our governor,  
how glorious is your name in all the world!

*Psalm 8*

**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**

*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. **Amen**

**The Word of God**

*Psalmody*

*The appointed psalm is said and ends with:*

**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**

**First Reading**

*Canticle*

*A Song of the Word of the Lord*

*Refrain:*

**Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,  
to our God, who will richly pardon.**

- 1 Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;
- 2 Let the wicked abandon their ways,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
- 3 Return to the Lord, who will have mercy;  
to our God, who will richly pardon.
- 4 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,' says the Lord.

- 5 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 6 'As the rain and the snow come down from above,  
and return not again but water the earth,
- 7 'Bringing forth life and giving growth,  
seed for sowing and bread to eat,
- 8 'So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;  
it will not return to me fruitless,
- 9 'But it will accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the task I gave it.'

*Isaiah 55.6-11*

**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**

**Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,  
to our God, who will richly pardon.**

**Second Reading** *followed by*

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel  
and afterwards receive me with glory.

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and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;  
you hold me by my right hand.

**And afterwards receive me with glory.**

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

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel  
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

*from Psalm 73*

*Gospel Cantic*

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

*Refrain:*

**You show mercy to our ancestors,  
and remember your holy covenant.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,



*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect of the day or the following is said*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
we thank you that you have brought us safely  
to the beginning of this day.  
Keep us from falling into sin  
or running into danger,  
order us in all our doings  
and guide us to do always  
what is righteous in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven ...**

**The Conclusion**

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.**