**Morning Prayers (2)**

Greeting a New Day

L: Out of darkness

 God offers us the gift of light.

***ALL: Out of the darkness of despair***

 ***God offers us the light of hope.***

L:Out of silence

 God offers us the gift of voices.

***ALL: Out of the silence of tears***

 ***God offers us the sound of rejoicing.***

L: Out of stillness

 God offers us the gift of action.

***ALL: Out of the stillness of uncertainty***

 ***God offers us the momentum of love.***

A Hymn or Chant may be sung, or piece of music played

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bible Reading *(Psalm 8 from The Message)*

L: God, brilliant Lord,

 Yours is a household name.

***ALL: Nursing infants***

 ***gurgle choruses about you;***

 ***toddlers shout the songs***

 ***that drown out enemy talk,***

 ***and silence atheist babble.***

L: I look up at your macro-skies,

***ALL: dark and enormous,***

 ***your handmade sky-jewellery,***

 ***moon and stars***

 ***mounted in their settings.***

 ***Then I look at my micro-self***

 ***and wonder,***

 ***why do you bother with us?***

 ***Why take a second look our way?***

L: Yet we’ve so narrowly

 missed being gods,

 bright with Eden’s dawn light.

***ALL: You put us in charge***

 ***of your handcrafted world,***

 ***repeated to us your***

 ***Genesis-charge,***

 ***made us lords***

 ***of sheep and cattle,***

 ***even animals out in the wild,***

 ***birds flying and fish swimming,***

 ***whales singing***

 ***in the ocean depths.***

L: God, brilliant Lord,

***ALL: your name echoes***

 ***around the world.***

Silence or Comment for Reflection

Prayers of Intercession

Commitment at a day’s Dawning

***ALL: In the name of God,***

 ***our nurturing father***

 ***and protecting mother,***

 ***we commit ourselves***

 ***to one another.***

 ***We will seek Christ this day;***

 ***in our conversations and in our silences,***

 ***in our learning and in our teaching,***

 ***in the choices we make,***

 ***and the things we refuse. Amen.***

The Grace or another Blessing