**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