

## Morning Prayers C from Wee Worship Book page 25

### Welcome and Gathering

O God, you summon the day to dawn,  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**All: Great is your name, Great is your love**

For you the valleys shall sing for joy,  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**All: Great is your name, Great is your love**

For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,  
the poor & the persecuted shall shout for joy

**All: Great is your name, Great is your love**

Your love and mercy shall last forever,  
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise

**All: Great is your name, Great is your love**

**Leader:** Lord God, early in the morning,  
when the world was young,  
you made life in all its beauty and terror;  
you gave birth to all that we know.  
Hallowed be your name.

**All: Hallowed be your name.**

**Leader:** Early in the morning,  
when the world least expected it,  
a new-born child crying in a cradle announced  
that you had come among us,  
that you were one of us.  
Hallowed be your name.

**All: Hallowed be your name.**

**Leader:** Early in the morning, surrounded by  
respectable liars, religious leaders,  
anxious statesmen and silent friends,  
you accepted the penalty for doing good,  
for being God: you shouldered and suffered  
the cross.

Hallowed be your name

**All: Hallowed be your name.**

**Leader:** Early in the morning a voice in a  
guarded graveyard & footsteps in the dew  
proved that you had risen,  
that you came back to those & for those  
who had forgotten, denied and destroyed  
you.

Hallowed be your name.

**All: Hallowed be your name.**

**Leader:** Early in the morning  
in the multicoloured company of your Church  
on earth and in heaven  
we celebrate your creation, your life,  
your death and resurrection,  
your interest in us:

so to you we pray,

**All: Lord, bring new life**

**where we are worn and tired,  
new love where we have turned hard-  
hearted,**

**forgiveness where we feel hurt and where  
we have wounded,  
and the joy and freedom of your holy spirit  
where we are the prisoners of ourselves.**

*(Silence)*

**Leader:** To all and to each where regret is  
real, God pronounces pardon and grants us  
the right to begin again.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### The Word of God Reflection

#### Prayers

Let us prepare ourselves for the day before us  
and claim its potential sent by God.

We bring to God the concerns for today...  
*(free prayer)*

We bring to God the people of today  
*Free prayer*

We bring to God ourselves..... *free prayer*

**All: Lord give us wisdom before we speak,  
understanding while we listen,  
sensitivity to those we meet (or talk to)  
and the perspective of your kingdom in  
which to see the things of the earth.  
Bring us to the day's ending blessed through  
having shared the day's beginning.  
In Christ's name we ask this. Amen.**

May God bless us, may God keep us in the  
Spirit's care and lead our lives with love.

**All: May Christ's warm welcome shine from  
our hearts and Christ's own peace prevail  
through this and every day, til greater life  
shall call. Amen.**