



Morning Prayer
following a traditional pattern



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Opening Responses

Either

O Lord, open our lips
All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
Give us the joy of your saving help
All **and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

or

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
All **and also with you.**
This is the day that the Lord has made.
All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Welcome

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All

Lord God,

we have sinned against you;

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us

and restore us to the joy of your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Responsory

Blessed is the Lord,

All

for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All

and in our song will we praise our God.

Hymn or Canticle

A hymn or song may be sung.

An opening canticle may be said.

Psalmody

The psalm set for the day is said or sung.

Each psalm or group of psalms 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.**

Old Testament Cantic

A cantic may follow the psalm or come between the readings.

Scripture Reading(s)

This response may be used after each reading

For the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Responsory

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead

All **and Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

All **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

All **And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears
you will appear with him in glory.

All **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

Gospel Canticle

- 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,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.**

Exploring the Word

A reflection, discussion or other learning activity follows here

Hymn

A hymn may be sung here, before the exploration of the word, or after the Creed

The Apostles' Creed

All

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

The Collect of the day is said.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has 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

Notices and Banns of Marriage may be read here

Hymn

Any collection may be taken during this hymn

The Blessing

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.



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