

Morning Prayer in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Welcome to this service of Morning Prayer. Everything you need is in this booklet. Please join in with the responses printed in bold.

¶ Preparation

The minister says,

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.

Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is king

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

Refrain:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

Refrain

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n.

Refrain

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.

Refrain

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

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 you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord our God,

creator and redeemer of all;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world

and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

Now, through the deep waters of death,

you have brought your people to new birth

by raising your Son to life in triumph.

May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts

as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All Blessed be God for ever.

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.

All **Amen.**

¶ **The Word of God**

A Psalm is read.

Psalm 95.1-7

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; ♦
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ♦
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God ♦
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth ♦
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, ♦
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down ♦
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God; ♦
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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 forever. Amen.**

*If a reading from the Old Testament is used, it is read here. If not,
the Old Testament canticle is said following the Psalm.*

Old Testament Canticle

- 1 Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, ♦
 for yours is the greatness, the power,
 the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
- 2 Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; ♦
 yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
 and you are exalted as head over all.
- 3 Riches and honour come from you ♦
 and you rule over all.
- 4 In your hand are power and might; ♦
 yours it is to give power and strength to all.
- 5 And now we give you thanks, our God, ♦
 and praise your glorious name.
- 6 For all things come from you, ♦
 and of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29.10b–13,14b

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.**

Ephesians 1.15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

And the end, the reader says,

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: *The Church's one foundation*

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy Bride,
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

One or more readings from New Testament follow.

Matthew 25.1-13

Jesus said, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when

was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

At the end, the reader says,

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A response follows the final reading.

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

The Benedictus (the Song of Zechariah) is said.

- 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.

Luke 1.68–79

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.**

A sermon is preached.

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

Intercessions are offered. The following responses may be used.

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

The Collect for the Day is said.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: *In Christ there is no East or West*

In Christ there is no East or West,
In him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,
What'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In him meet South and North,
All Christlike souls are one in him.
Throughout the whole wide earth.

¶ The Conclusion

The service ends with one of the following, or another blessing or ending.

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.

(or)

The Grace

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.