



Morning Prayer

on Sunday

A service of the Word

Based on the Book of Common Prayer (1979)



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An Introduction to the service

From earliest times, Christians gathered at regular hours during each day and night to respond to God's word with praise on behalf of all creation and with intercession for the salvation of the world. By the fourth century, if not earlier, morning and evening had emerged as the pre-eminent hours for the offering of this sacrifice of praise. They have remained so ever since, especially on Sundays when the Church commemorates both the first day of creation and the day of Christ's resurrection.

At the heart of Morning Prayer is the Liturgy of the Word interwoven with canticles to supply the response of praise, followed by intercessory prayer in one form or another.

Whenever possible, the services should include some singing, especially of the Gospel canticle (the Benedictus), which is the climax of morning praise for the work of God in Christ.

*Please note that posture directions indicated in the liturgy are not obligatory.
Please adopt the most comfortable and appropriate posture
that best suits your physical and spiritual needs.*

Everyone is invited to join in saying together the text in **bold type**

PREPARATION

HYMN

Gathering and Welcome

One of the following sentences may be said:

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;

Revelation 21:3

OR

For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations,
and in every place incense is offered to my name and a pure offering,
for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 1:11

OR

Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Psalms 105:1

OR

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalms 19:14

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Give us the joy of your saving help

And sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

The Minister welcomes everyone to worship and briefly introduces the service, then says

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

Let us confess all that separates from God and from one another:

Silence may be kept for a moment of personal reflection

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Minister says:

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. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord
for God has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept for a moment of private personal prayer

**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. Amen.**

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7 (a metrical version can be found on page 10)*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm(s)

At the end of the Psalm) appointed for the day, the following is said:

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

We SIT for the **LITURGY OF THE WORD**
First Reading

At the end of the reading, the reader says:

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Te Deum (*which may be sung in its metrical form - see page 11*)

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world
doth acknowledge thee, the Father, of an infinite majesty,
thine adorable, true, and only Son, also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

Second Reading

At the end of the reading, the reader says:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Cantic

The Song of Zechariah (*a metrical form can be found on page 12*)

Benedictus Dominus Deus

✠Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A SERMON or short reflection

We STAND for the Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 Lord be with you
And also with you

Let us pray:

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then this prayer for mission is said

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

HYMN or an anthem

Prayers of intercession follow, concluding with the following:

A Prayer of St Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

HYMN during which an offering may be gathered to support the mission and ministry of the church. During the hymn, the Minister moves to the High Altar to receive the offering.

The Minister then concludes the service with the Grace:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy be with us all evermore. **Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13:14

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A prayer before you leave church

Loving God,

grant that what we have said and sung with our lips, we may believe in our hearts; and what we believe in our hearts we may show clearly in our lives.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Metrical Version of the Venite

1. Come, let us sing to God on high,
The Rock of our salvation praise;
Come with thanksgiving to his courts
And joyful psalms before him raise.

2. For God is Lord above all gods,
The heights and depths are in his hand;
He made the sea and it is his,
His hands have molded the dry land.

3. Let us bow down and worship him
Who is our maker and our Lord;
We are his people and his sheep;
Today, then, hearken to his Word.

*Suggested tunes: Old 100th (“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”)
LM (“On Jordan’s Bank”)*

Metrical Version of the Te Deum

God, we praise you, God, we bless you,
God, we name you sovereign Lord!
Mighty king whom angels worship,
Father, by your Church adored:
All creation shows your glory,
Heaven and earth draw near your throne
Singing 'Holy, holy, holy,'
Lord of hosts, and God alone.

True apostles, faithful prophets,
Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
Join one growing song of praise,
While your Church on earth confesses
One majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, our hope eternally.

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Everlasting Son of God,
Humble was your virgin mother,
Hard the lonely path you trod:
By your cross is sin defeated,
Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers,
Sinners justified by grace.

Christ, at God's right hand victorious,
You will judge the world you made;
Lord, in mercy help your servants
For whose freedom you have paid:
Raise us up from dust to glory,
Guard us from all sin today;
King enthroned above all praises,
Save your people, God, we pray.

Suggested tunes: Abbott's Leigh or Blaenwern

The Benedictus

The God of Israel, blessed be,
Who comes to set this people free.
Who raises up with mighty sign
A Saviour born of David's line.

Through holy prophets promised long,
Salvation comes to conquer wrong.
Old enmities are overthrown
As God in mercy calls us home.

In holy covenant God swore
To Abraham, our ancestor,
That we from fear and falsehood raised
Might walk before God all our days.

And you, my child, are called this day,
A prophet to prepare the way,
To speak salvation, and to bring
God's wayward people to their King.

In tender mercy, God of love
The dawn is breaking from above,
To shine on those in death and dark,
To guide our feet in peace's path.

Suggested tune: Gonfalon Royal