

AN ORDER FOR  
MORNING PRAYER AND EVENING PRAYER  
FOR USE ON SUNDAY

ADVENT

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

*Stand*

*The minister greets the people*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all  
**and also with you.**

*or*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*or, from Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost*

Christ is risen!  
**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The minister introduces the service with these or other suitable words*

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

O Lord, open our lips,  
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the Lord.  
**All praise to his name.**

*The minister continues*

*Morning*

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
In your tender compassion  
the dawn from on high is breaking upon us  
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.  
as we look for your coming among us this day,  
open our eyes to behold your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Evening*

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
creator of light and darkness,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
As evening falls, you renew your promise  
to reveal among us the light of your presence.  
May your word be a lantern to our feet  
and a light upon our path  
that we may behold your coming among us.  
Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness  
and free our tongues to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*A hymn may be sung.*

PENITENCE

*The prayers of penitence may take place after the Sermon during the seasons of Advent and Lent.*

*Penitential Kyries are provided on page 224 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

*The Confession is introduced with these words*

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart. *1 Corinthians 4: 5*  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

O God, our loving Father in heaven,  
we confess that we have sinned against you;  
we have broken your commandments;  
we have often been selfish,  
and we have not loved you as we should.  
For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Or this form may be used*

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.  
For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

*The priest pronounces the absolution*

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.  
**Amen.**

*If no priest is present the absolution is omitted  
and the following prayer may be said*

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The minister says*

Your word is a lantern to my feet  
and a light upon our path. *c.f. Psalm 119:105*

O Lord, your word is everlasting:  
it stands firm for ever in the heavens. *c.f. Psalm 119:89*

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.  
so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

## Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

### THE FIRST READING

*The reader says*

A reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

*One or more of the appointed psalms is sung, ending with*

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ■

and | to the | Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be|ginning, is | now ■

and shall be for | ever. | A|men.

### THE SECOND READING

*The reader says*

A reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### A CANTICLE

THE THIRD READING

*If three readings are used this is always a Gospel Reading.*

*The reader says*

A reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A CANTICLE

*if the third reading is used.*

A COLLECT OF THE WORD

*may be said here or following the Sermon.*

THE SERMON

*Penitence may take place at this point during the seasons of Advent and Lent.*

*A hymn may be sung.*

## The Response to God's Word

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.

*This affirmation or a scriptural affirmation of faith may be used instead of the Apostles' Creed.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
who made the world?

**I believe and trust in him**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed mankind?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit  
who gives life to the people of God?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**we believe and trust in One God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Either of the following, or other seasonally appropriate prayers and intercessions, may be used.*

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and judge.

We pray for ...

Help us to live in the light of your coming  
and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as King of the nations.

We pray for ...

Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter.

We pray for ...

Break into our lives,  
where we struggle with sickness and distress,  
and set us free to serve you for ever.

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

We remember ...

Give us with all the faithful departed  
a share in your victory over evil and death.

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus,  
with power and great glory.

Lift us up to meet you,  
that with [*N and*] all your saints and angels  
we may live and reign with you  
in your new creation.

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Silence is kept.*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;  
give new courage to your people,  
who trust in your love.

By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom  
on earth as in heaven,  
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*or*

Watchful at all times,  
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence  
before our Maker and Redeemer.  
That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among the nations  
his sceptre of righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures  
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the brokenhearted,  
restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn  
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the saints in light,  
we may shine forth as lights for the world,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray  
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ  
first came to seek and to save the lost;  
so may he come again to find in us  
the completion of his redeeming work;  
for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

**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.

*or*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we are bold to 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, the power, and the glory**  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*If the Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer are used at this point in the service, they are not used during the Dismissal.*

*A hymn may be sung during which the collection may be received.*

# Going Out as God's People

A THANKSGIVING

*The minister says*

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

For the love of our Father,  
the maker of all, the giver of all good things,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who lived and worked among us,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For his suffering and death on the cross  
and his resurrection to new life,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For his rule over all things  
and his presence in the world,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,  
who teaches us and guides us,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church  
and the life of the world,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*or*

*The minister says*

Blessed are you, Holy God,  
creator, redeemer and life-giver;  
you have spoken the world into being  
and filled it with wonder and beauty.

For every blessing we have received  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Holy God,  
for people of every language and culture  
and for the rich variety you give to life.

For every blessing we have received  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Holy God,  
for Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
truly divine and truly human,  
living and dying for us,  
and going before us into heaven.

For every blessing we have received  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Holy God,  
for your Spirit, the fire of love burning in our hearts,  
bringing us to faith, and calling us to holiness  
in the Church and in the world.

For every blessing we have received  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Let us say together:

**Be with us Lord,**  
**as we go out into the world.**  
**May the lips that have sung your praise**  
**always speak the truth;**  
**may the ears which have heard your Word**  
**listen only to what is good**  
**and may our lives as well as our worship**  
**be always pleasing in your sight,**  
**for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*or*

**We go into the world  
to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love  
and to reflect God's glory.**

*The Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer are said if not used previously.*

### **The Blessing**

*A priest blesses the people with these or other suitable words*

Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you,  
gladden your hearts  
and scatter the darkness from before you:  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*If no priest is present the Blessing is omitted  
and the following prayer may be said*

The almighty and merciful Lord,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us.  
**Amen.**

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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