

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

**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.**

*This or another seasonally appropriate prayer is used*

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Creator of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You founded the earth in the beginning  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
In the fulness of time, you made us in your image,  
and in these last days you have spoken to us  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us  
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
your Spirit ever renew our lives  
and your praises ever be on our lips.

*The prayer ends with these words*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*A hymn is sung.*

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

#### PENITENCE

*The Confession is introduced with these or other seasonally appropriate words*

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1: 8,9*

Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.

**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.

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.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE BLESSING

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

The God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing;  
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.**

*From Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost*

We go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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.**

*Either of the following is said*

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

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

*The prayers of 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.**

## 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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.*

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.*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we ask you to hear the prayers we offer in faith.

For the peace that comes from God alone,  
for the unity of all peoples,  
and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of Christ, for *N* our Bishop, [for ...]  
and for the whole people of God,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the nations of the world, [for ...]  
for our government and all in authority,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city (or town or village or community), [for ...]  
for our neighbours and our friends,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us,  
and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm,  
for the widowed and orphans,  
for the sick and suffering,  
[for ...] and for all in any need,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed,  
for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives,  
and for all who remember and care for them,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

[For ...  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.]**

For the dying,  
for those who mourn [the death of ...],  
for the faithful whom we entrust to the Lord in hope,  
as we look forward to the day  
when we share the fulness of the resurrection,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints,  
let us commend ourselves, and one another,  
and all our life, to God.

*Silence is kept.*

For yours is the majesty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
**yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*or*

Let us bring before God our prayers of intercession and commitment:

Blessed are you, eternal God,  
**to be praised and glorified for ever.**

Hear us as we pray for your holy Church throughout the world:  
**make us all one, that the world may believe.**

Grant that every member of the Church  
may truly and humbly serve you:  
**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:  
**give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority  
in the nations of the world:  
**guide them in the ways of justice and peace.**  
Make us alive to the needs of our community:  
**help us to share each other's joys and burdens.**

Look with kindness on our homes and families:  
**grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Deepen our compassion  
for all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble:  
**in your presence may they find their strength.**

We remember those who have died:  
**Father, into your hands we entrust them.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory:  
**bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Hear our prayer, Lord God  
**and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**