

## MORNING PRAYER ON SUNDAY

### The Preparation

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

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 leader may say*

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
and 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.

*A period of silence follows as worshippers bring before God words and deeds said and done, or unsaid and undone, which they regret.*

**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.  
**Amen.**

Blesses is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

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

Venite – a Song of Triumph

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.**

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

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

For he is our God,  
we are the sheep of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

## The Reading

Matthew 11. 16 – 19, 25 – end.

## The Sermon

### The Creed

**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

### The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy;  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father;  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.

## The Conclusion

### The Peace

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
Keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**