

Morning Prayer on a 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,
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.

*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.
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

Blessed 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 unto the Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

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

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth
and the strength of the hills is his also.**

The sea is his, and he made it:
and his hands prepared the dry land.

**O come, let us worship, and fall down :
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

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

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever 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 Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said and ends with.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be for ever. Amen.**

First Reading

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Old Testament Canticle

In ordinary time the following Song of David is said.

Blessed are You, God of Israel, for ever and ever
For yours is the greatness, the power,
The glory, the splendour and the majesty.

**Everything in heaven and on earth is Yours
Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
And You are exalted as head over all.**

Riches and honour come from You
And You rule over all.

**In Your hand are power and might;
Yours it is to give power and strength to all,**

And now we give You thanks, our God,
And praise Your glorious name.

**For all things come from You
And of Your own have we given You.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The readings may be followed by a time of silence.

Gospel Canticle - The Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

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

Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,

**To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God 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.**

And you, 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 all 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.**

Luke 1.68-79

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be for ever. Amen.**

The Benedictus may be followed by a reflection.

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,
from the hands of all that hate us,
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

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, which art in heaven,

**hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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