

## Morning Prayer



*'In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice;  
in the morning I lay my requests before you  
and wait in expectation.'*

Psalm 5:3

## Opening

Life-giving God, the world lies open before you  
and you summon the day to dawn;  
open our being  
**and we shall show life;**  
open our hearts  
**and we shall show love;**  
open our mouths  
**and we shall show praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
you turn the shadow of death into morning  
and renew the face of the earth:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
You roll the darkness from the face of the light,  
making the night to pass that brings on the day.  
You make the dawn and the dusk sing for joy,  
for we lay down and slept and rose up again  
and you, Lord, have made us dwell in safety.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God forever.**

**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.**

Eternal God and Father,  
you create and redeem us by  
the power of your love:  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves in love and service  
to one another and to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Confession

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty...(pause)

**Before God, with the people of God,  
we confess to our brokenness:  
to the ways we wound our own lives,  
the lives of others,  
and the life of the world.**

May God forgive us, Christ renew us,  
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.  
**Amen.**

O God, set your blessing upon us  
as we begin this day together.  
Confirm us in the truth by which we rightly live;  
confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn.  
We ask not for what we want,  
but for what you know we need,  
as we offer this day and ourselves to you,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

## Bible reading(s)

### Time of reflection

*a meditation or a piece of music may follow here.*

### Affirmation of faith

With the whole church:  
**we affirm that we are made in God's image,  
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere:  
**we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

With all creation:  
**we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;  
the unfolding purposes of God,  
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

## Intercessions

*Prayers follow for the wider world, the church, our community,  
and for those we know who are in need at this time.*

**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.**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
we thank you that you have brought us safely  
to the beginning of this day.  
Keep us from falling into sin  
or running into danger,  
order us in all our doings  
and guide us to do always  
what is right in your eyes;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Conclusion

Creator of light,  
at the rising of the sun  
we rise to meet you in others  
and to reflect your light on earth. **Amen.**

The Lord bless us and preserve us from evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**