

Morning Praise

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You are welcome here today.

From earliest times, Christians gathered at regular hours during each day and night to respond to God's word with praise on behalf of creation and with intercession for the salvation of the world. By the fourth century, if not earlier, morning and evening had emerged as the pre-eminent hours for the offering of this sacrifice of praise. The service of Morning Prayer helps Christians of our own day take part in this privilege and duty which belongs to all God's people. It may be celebrated in a very simple form, or enriched with a variety of optional chants and prayers.

A Form of Preparation.

For use by individuals before a service of Holy Communion

The Comfortable Words

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *(Matthew 11.28)*

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *(John 3.16)*

Hear what St. Paul says:

This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *(1 Timothy 1.15)*

Hear what Saint John says:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *(1 John 2.1,2)*

The Beatitudes

(From Matthew, Chapter 5, Our Lord's blessing on those who follow him)

Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

God, of your goodness, give me yourself,
for you are sufficient for me.

I may not ask for anything less
than what befits my full worship of you.

If I were to ask anything less, I should always be in want,
for in you alone do I have all. *(Julian of Norwich 1342-1426)*

Give me grace, O Lord, not only to hear your Word with my ears, but also to receive it into my mind and to reflect it in my life; and not only to receive your gifts with my hands, but also to receive them into my heart and to share them with gladness all my days; for the good of all people and for the glory of your great name. Amen.

Silence for personal reflection

The Greeting

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

All and also with you.

Notices and Banns of Marriage may be read.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn

Prayers of Penitence

Please sit or kneel

Brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate,
let us call to mind our sins.

**All 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 to us 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.

All Amen.

Praise

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

All giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

All let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:

All and we shall praise your name.

Venite - a Song of Triumph

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord ♦
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving ♦
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God ♦
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth ♦
and the strength of the hills is his also.
- 5 The sea is his, and he made it ♦
and his hands prepared the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and bow down ♦
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God ♦
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep
of his hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Word
Old and New Testament Readings

*One or two readings from Scripture will follow.
At the end of each the reader will say:*

All This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Please remain standing

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel Reading

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon/Talk

Creed

When invited, we stand to proclaim our Christian faith:

All **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.

Hymn

Prayers
The Lord's Prayer

We pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught
us:

All 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

The following responses to prayer may be used:

Lord, in your mercy.

All Hear our prayer.

or

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final prayer:

Merciful Father,

**All Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Collect

The Prayer for the Day is said and all respond:

All Amen.

Hymn

Conclusion

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

All Amen.

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

After Worship

Prayers for personal use

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that having met here with my brothers and sisters in love and faith and prayer, I may have received you into my heart. Now, as I go from here may the words I have said and heard in worship remain fresh and clear in my daily life. Go with me as my comfort and strength, now and always. Amen.

Christ has no body now on earth but mine, no hands but mine, no feet but mine; mine are the eyes through which he is to look with compassion on the world; mine are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; and mine are the hands with which he is to bring a blessing to those I meet, for his holy name's sake. Amen.

St. Teresa of Avila, Adapted

Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have won for me, for all the insults which you have borne for me; O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen

St. Richard of Chichester, Adapted

Grant to me, O Lord,
In thought – faith;
In word – wisdom;
In deed – courage;
In life – service;
In Christ's Name. Amen.

Glory be to you, O God my Creator,
Glory be to you, O Jesus my Saviour,
Glory be to you, O Spirit my Comforter,
Today, tomorrow and for evermore. Amen.

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