

Order for Morning Prayer from BCP – Epiphany 4

Opening sentences from Scripture

Dearly beloved *brethren*, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. **Amen.**

Absolution

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Responses

Priest. O Lord, open thou our lips.
Answer **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

Priest O God, make speed to save us.
Answer. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

Priest. Praise ye the Lord.
Answer. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Venite, Exultemus Domino (Psalm 95)

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 show 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 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.**

First reading (Old Testament)

Deuteronomy 18, 15 - 20

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet^[d] like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.^[e] ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' ¹⁷ Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet^[f] like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet,^[g] who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet^[h] shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

Psalm of the day (Psalm 111)

Praise the LORD!

I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

**² The works of the LORD are great,
Studied by all who have pleasure in them.**

³ His work is honourable and glorious,
And His righteousness endures forever.

**⁴ He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵ He has given food to those who fear Him;
He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

**⁶ He has declared to His people the power of His works,
In giving them the heritage of the nations.**

⁷ The works of His hands are verity and justice;
All His precepts are sure.

**⁸ They stand fast forever and ever,
And are done in truth and uprightness.**

⁹ He has sent redemption to His people;
He has commanded His covenant forever:
Holy and awesome is His name.

**¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.
His praise endures forever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever.
Amen.**

Second reading (NT)

Mark 1, 21 - 28

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Jubilate Deo - Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. **Amen.**

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

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Responses

Minister. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

First collect for the day

**God our creator, who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Second Collect, for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Reflection

Other intercessions

The Blessing

And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be among us and remain with us always,
Amen.