

Morning Prayer

You might like to light a candle before we start

Let's still our hearts and minds to remember that God is with us now

Silence

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

And also with you

Give us the joy of your saving help

And sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

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.

Now we spend a moment in quietness to think about what things are separating us
from the love of God

Silence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

Matthew 3:2

So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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
cleans *you* from *your* sins,
and restore *you* 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.

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. *All Amen.*

The Word of God

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Now it is time for Prayer

The Collect

Let us pray to God, who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery: Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies,
that they may make wise decisions: Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights
many will be restored to health: Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill and the dying, that they may
know your comfort and peace: Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection

of God.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour has taught us

**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**

The Lord be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us. Help us to be a blessing to each other and our communities that your ways may be known among us. Let all the people praise you, O God. **Amen**

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ Amen.