

## **Morning Prayer**

**(according to the Book of Common Prayer)**

Welcome and opening sentences from the Bible

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; wherefore I pray and beseech you, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

**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.**

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who desireth not the death of a sinner,  
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live;  
and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers,  
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission  
of their sins:

He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his  
holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit,  
that those things may please him, which we do at this present;  
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy;  
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**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.**

O Lord, open thou our lips.  
**And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**  
O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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.**

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

**Venite**  
*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.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*After the Old Testament reading*  
Here endeth the first lesson

**Te Deum Laudamus**

We praise you, O God,  
we acclaim you as the Lord;

all creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

**Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,  
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

**Govern and uphold them now and always.**

Day by day we bless you.

**We praise your name for ever.**

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.

**Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, show us your love and mercy,

**for we have put our trust in you.**

In you, Lord, is our hope:

**let us never be put to shame.**

## **New Testament Reading**

*After the New Testament reading*

Here endeth the second lesson

**Benedictus**  
*Luke 1.68-79*

**BLESSED** be the Lord God of Israel for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
**And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David;**

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets which have been since the world began;

**That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us.**

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers and to remember his holy Covenant;

**To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham that he would give us;**

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear;  
**In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.**

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

**To give knowledge of salvation unto his people for the remission of their sins,**

Through the tender mercy of our God whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

**To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

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.**

**Sermon**

## **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 Catholic Church;**

**The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;**

**The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon 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. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
**And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.  
**And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.  
**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
**Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*Collect for the day*

*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.**

*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.**

## **Prayers of intercession**

The response to  
Lord in your mercy  
is **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful Father  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Going out to serve the Lord**

*Notices*

Blessing

**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**

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