

MORNING PRAYER

The Minister announces the first hymn or song:

The Minister opens the service with one or more of these Scripture sentences:

Tear your heart and not your clothing, and turn to the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to become angry and of great kindness: He relents from doing harm.

O Lord, correct me, but with justice: not in Your anger, in case You bring me to nothing.

Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, O Lord, because in Your sight no one living will be justified.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I will get up and go to my Father and will say to Him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called Your son.

The Minister calls the people to worship with these words:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we are here in the presence of the living God and the whole community of heaven, to offer to Him, through our Lord Jesus Christ, our worship, our praise and our thanksgiving. We are here to discover more truly the greatness of His love for us and to ask that our lives may display the fruits of His grace. We have come to hear and receive God's holy Word, to ask for the strengthening power of His Holy Spirit, and to pray for ourselves and for our world, that we will be given those things which are necessary for our true well-being. But first, let us confess our sins, and seek our Father's pardon and peace.

All:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against Your holy laws; we have left undone those things we ought to have done and we have done those things we ought not to have done. There is no health in us.

But You, O Lord, have mercy on us miserable offenders: spare those who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent, just as You promised through Christ Jesus our Lord. And for His sake, merciful Father, help us from this day forward to live godly, righteous and sober lives, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

The Minister stands to pronounce God's absolution:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ does not desire the death of any sinner, but rather that he turns away from his wickedness and lives. He has given His ministers power and command to pronounce absolution to His penitent people. The Lord pardons and absolves all who genuinely repent and sincerely believe His holy Gospel: therefore let us ask Him to give

us true repentance and His Holy Spirit, so that we may please Him in what we do today, and that the rest of our lives from now on may be pure and holy, so that at the last, we may come to His eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,.

All: ***And our mouths shall declare Your praise.***

Minister: O God, make speed to save us.

All: ***O Lord, make haste to help us.***

All stand.

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: ***As it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for ever and ever. Amen.***

A Psalm may now be said or sung.

The Old Testament reading follows here.

All stand to sing the Te Deum Laudamus:

***We praise You O God, we acknowledge that You are the Lord:
All the earth worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels sing aloud, the heavens and all the powers within them;
To You cherubim and seraphim continually shout their praise.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise You;
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise You;
The noble army of martyrs praise You;
The holy Church throughout all the world acknowledges You,
The Father of an infinite majesty,
Your honourable, true and only Son,
Also the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.***

***You are the King of glory, O Christ,
You are the everlasting Son of the Father:
When You took it on Yourself to rescue the human race,
You did not despise the Virgin's womb.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,***

*You opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father;
We believe that You will come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray that You will help Your servants,
Whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood;
Make us to be counted among Your saints in glory everlasting.*

*O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance,
Govern us and lift us up for ever.
Day by day we make Your praise greater
And we worship Your Name through time and eternity.
O Lord, promise to keep us today from every sin,
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy come down upon us,
Because we put our trust in You.
O Lord, we have trusted in You,
Let us never be confounded.*

The New Testament reading follows here, after which there may be a quiz or some other teaching activity:

*All stand to sing the **Benedictus** or Simeon's Song:*

***Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
For He has visited and redeemed His people,
And has raised up a mighty salvation for us
In the family of His servant David,
As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets
Who have lived since the world began,
That we should be rescued from our enemies,
And out of the hands of all who hate us;
To bring the mercy He promised to our ancestors,
And to remember His holy covenant,
To make true the oath He swore to Abraham,
That we should be rescued from the hands of our enemies
And serve Him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before Him
All the days of our life.
And you child will be called the Prophet of the Highest,
Because you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His way,
To give knowledge of salvation to His people,
So that their sins may be forgiven;
Through the tender mercy of our God,
By which the new dawn from heaven has broken,
To bring light to those who 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 Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever and ever. Amen.***

*All remain standing to say 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 Spirit, born from the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is sitting at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Minister stands and says:

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: O Lord, show us Your mercy.

All: And grant us Your salvation.

Minister: O Lord save the King.

All: And mercifully hear us when we call out to You.

Minister: Clothe Your ministers with righteousness.

All: And make Your chosen people joyful.

Minister: O Lord, save Your people.

All: And bless Your inheritance.

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All: Because there is no other who fights for us, but only You, O God.

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

All: And do not take Your Holy Spirit from us.

All join together in the collect of the day and these two morning prayers:.

Collect of the Day.

O God, you are the creator of peace and the lover of concord; knowing You is eternal life, serving You is perfect freedom: defend us, Your humble servants against all assaults of our enemies, so that firmly trusting in Your defence, we will not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, we thank You for bringing us safely to the beginning of this new day. Defend us throughout its hours by Your mighty power, so that today we fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger and that all we do may be ordered by Your governance, so that we always do what is righteous in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn or song:

The intercessions follow, which may be led by members of the congregation and should encompass the needs of the Church, the world, the nation and the locality, as well as the sick, the poor and lonely, Christians suffering persecution and any other topical matters in Church and State.

If desired, the following prayers may be included instead:

For our country:

Almighty God, the source of all goodness, we humbly ask You to bless our Sovereign Lord King Charles, the Royal Family, the two Houses of Parliament and all those who are placed in positions of responsibility in the life of our country: we pray that they may order all things upon the best and surest foundations, so that wisdom, righteousness and peace may be advanced among us, to the honour of Your holy Name and the benefit of all the citizens of our land, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For the Church:

Almighty and everlasting God, You alone perform great miracles: send down upon our bishops and clergy and all congregations committed to their charge the health-giving Spirit of Your grace; and, in order that they may truly please You, pour upon them the continual dew of Your blessing. We ask this for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

All join in the Prayer of St. John Chrysostom:

Almighty God, You have given us grace at this time to make our united prayers to You: You promise that whenever two or three are gathered together in Your Name, You will grant their requests. In Your mercy, answer our desires and prayers in the way that will prove best for us, giving us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen

All join in the Grace:

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.

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Address or teaching activity:

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Blessing.