

## **Morning Prayer**

### **Welcome and notices**

### **Hymn**

### **The Greeting**

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

**All and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*The minister may say*

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.

### **Prayers of Penitence**

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

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

**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 us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *you* from *your* sins,  
and restore *you* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

**All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**All and in our song will we praise our God.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving *may be said***

**All Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
creator and redeemer of all;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world  
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.**

**Now, through the deep waters of death,  
you have brought your people to new birth  
by raising your Son to life in triumph.  
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts  
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Blessed be God for ever.**

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**

**Psalm for the day** *is said or sung*

At the end:

**All 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.**

**Old Testament Canticle** *may be said  
(the following or a seasonal one)*

#### **A Song of David**

**All Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,  
for yours is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.  
Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;  
yours is the kingdom O Lord,  
and you are exalted as head over all.  
Riches and honour come from you  
and you rule over all.  
In your hand are power and might;  
yours it is to give power and strength to all.  
And now we give you thanks, our God,  
and praise your glorious name.  
For all things come from you,  
and of your own have we given you.**

*1 Chronicles 29.10b-13,14b*

**All 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.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

**Hymn**

## **New Testament Reading**

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Cantic**

**The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)**

**All Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,  
to show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called  
the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation**

by the forgiveness of all their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68-79*

**All** 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.

**Sermon**

**Creed**

**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.

**Prayers of Intercession**

*These responses may be used*  
Lord, in your mercy

**All** hear our prayer.

*At the end*

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

**The Collect**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**All** As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray  
**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.**

**Hymn**

**The Conclusion**

Eternal God,  
our beginning and our end,  
accompany us in this day's journey.  
Dawn on our darkness,  
open our eyes to praise you for your creation  
and to see the work you set before us today.  
Take us and use us  
to bring to others the new life you give  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

**The Blessing**

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

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

(or)

**The Grace**

**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.**

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