

# A Service of Morning Prayer

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.**

Give us the joy of your saving help

**All** **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.

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 *us* from *our* sins,  
and restore *us* 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.**

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:

**All** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*An opening CANTICLE or a HYMN.*

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 PSALM.*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

*A suitable OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE or HYMN is said or sung.*

*The FIRST READING.*

*A HYMN may be sung*

*The GOSPEL READING*

*A suitable HYMN or CHANT may follow*

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

**All** **And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**All** **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on the earth.

**All** **And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

**All** **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give you light.**

*The GOSPEL CANTICLE or HYMN is said or sung*

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said or sung*

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.

- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us.
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 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*

**Glory 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. Amen.**

***A SERMON may be preached***

***The Apostles' Creed or an authorized Affirmation of Faith is said.***

***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 are offered.*

*The COLLECT is said.*

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

**All** **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name;**  
**thy kingdom come;**  
**thy will be done;**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who 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.**

*A HYMN may be sung*

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

**All** **Amen.**

*(and/or)*

**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.**