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# Morning Prayer



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## Welcome

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1: 2*

## The Confession of Sin

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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 which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;**

**and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Spare all those who confess their faults.**

**Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

*Amen.*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## Call to Worship

O Lord, open our lips  
And our mouth shall proclaim your 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 Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.

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

## The Venite *(an invitation to come and worship from 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 depths of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for 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 our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

*The following verses may be omitted, except in Lent.*

Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts  
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the  
wilderness,

When your fathers tested me,  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said,  
“It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not known  
my ways,”

Of whom I swore in my wrath  
that they should not enter into my rest.

## **The Psalm appointed for the Day**

- 7 Who does right to those who suffer wrong; \*  
and who feeds the hungry.
- 8 The LORD sets prisoners free; \*  
the LORD gives sight to the blind.
- 9 The LORD helps those who have fallen; \*  
the LORD loves the righteous.
- 10 The LORD cares for the strangers in the land;  
he defends the fatherless and widow; \*  
but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

## **The Lesson appointed for the Day**

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*[On occasion, there may be a homily or teaching from scripture here]*

## **The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*[Please sit or kneel]*

**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,  
and the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

*Amen.*

## **The Collect appointed for the Day**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

## **The Archbishop's Collect**

Almighty God, our strong tower of defense in time of trouble: We offer you praise and heartfelt thanks for our deliverance from the dangers which lately surrounded us and for your gracious gift of peace. We confess that your goodness alone has preserved us; and we ask you still to continue your mercies toward us, that we may always know and acknowledge you as our Savior and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## **Intercessions**

## Closing Sentences

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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.* *2 Corinthians 13:14T*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* *Romans 15:13T*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

*Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20-21T*



*Under Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord:*  
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