

**A Service of  
Morning Prayer at Home**

Welcome to this Service of Morning Prayer, it has been designed to be said at home by one or two people for occasions when it is not possible to come to church.

Here are some suggestions to help you use this order of service:-

- Find a quiet comfortable place where you won't be disturbed or distracted.
- If you can, light a candle to remind you of Jesus, the light of the world who always scatters the darkness of the world and our lives.
- If you have a small cross or crucifix place it where you can see it or hold it in your hand.
- On a separate sheet are the readings for the day, the Psalm, the collect prayer and a hymn suggestion. If you know the hymn sing it to yourself/ together, listen to it online or simply read the words and reflect on them.
- When two or more are gathered together you may like to take it in turns to read alternate verses of the Psalm and Canticle.
- Take your time and leave space for some silence, to sit in the presence of God.

It may feel like you are praying alone, miss the fellowship of other Christians and that it somehow feels less holy than being in church but the words of the hymn 'The day thou gavest Lord has ended' remind us of the power and strength of prayers uttered in every time and place across the world:-

*'We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping, while earth rolls onward into light, through all the world her watch is keeping, and rests not now by day or night.*

*As o'er each continent and island, the dawn leads on another day, the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.'*

## Preparation

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Confession

Almighty God,  
long suffering and of great goodness:  
I confess to you,  
I confess with my whole heart  
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,  
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;  
the hurts I have done to others,  
and the good I have left undone.  
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;  
and raise me to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

*Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek  
to renew their lives:*

‘Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come and follow me.’

# Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You founded the earth in the beginning  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
and in these last days you have spoken to us  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us  
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
your Spirit ever renew our lives  
and your praises ever be on our lips.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Blessed be God for ever.

## Psalm

*The appointed Psalm for the day is said.*

*Each Psalm may end with*

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.

## First Reading

*The Old or New Testament Reading is read here*

## Hymn

*Sing, listen or read a hymn*

# Gospel Reading

*The Gospel Reading for the day is read here.*

## Gospel Canticle

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.

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.

# The Nicene Creed

*All* We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

*You might like to pray for:-*

- *Specific situations in the world*
- *Christians throughout the world*
- *Your local community*
- *People who need healing and wholeness*
- *Those who have died and those who mourn*
- *Any place, person or concern that is on your heart.*

## The Collect

*The Collect of the Day is prayed here*

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

## Closing prayer

In darkness and in light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help us, heavenly Father,  
to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose,  
and to praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Conclusion

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with all who pray this day in his holy name,  
now and for evermore.  
Amen

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