

An Order for  
**Morning Prayer on Sunday**



# **Preparation**

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

**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**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.

**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. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

***A prayer of thanksgiving***

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. **Amen.**

## The Word of God

### *Psalm*

*A psalm or group of psalms may be said.*

*Each psalm or group of psalms 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.

### *Scripture Reading*

*One or more readings appointed for the day are read.*

*The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.*

*The reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Response*

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

**And Christ shall give you light.**

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

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

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

**And Christ shall give you light.**

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

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

*The Gospel Canticle may be said.*

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

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

<sup>2</sup> He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.

<sup>3</sup> Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,

<sup>4</sup> To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.

<sup>5</sup> This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

<sup>6</sup> Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

<sup>7</sup> And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most  
High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

<sup>8</sup> To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

<sup>9</sup> In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

<sup>10</sup> 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.

*The Sermon*

*The Creed*

**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**

*Intercessions are offered.*

*The Collect is said.*

### *The Lord's Prayer is said*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
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.**

## **The Conclusion**

*The service ends with this or another blessing.*

### *The Blessing*

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

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### *The Peace*

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace, God's seal on  
our prayers.