

An Order for Morning Prayer

Preparation

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.**

(or)

O Lord, open our lips

All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Give us the joy of your saving help

All **and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

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 are used when Morning Prayer
is the principal service and may be used on other
occasions (see [Note 3](#)).*

The Peace

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

All **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

All

These words may be added

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

**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.**

The Conclusion

The service ends with one of the following, or another blessing or ending.

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.**

(or)

The following or another authorized confession and absolution is used

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.**

All Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

All therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

One or more of the following may conclude the Preparation or they may be omitted.

This prayer of thanksgiving may be said

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 may be said or sung.

This opening prayer may be said

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 Lord's Prayer is said

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

All **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.**

(or)

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,**

The Creed

When Morning Prayer is the principal service, the Apostles' Creed or an authorized Affirmation of Faith is said. It may be omitted on other occasions (see [Note 3](#)).

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

Intercessions are offered.

The Collect is said.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said or sung.

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.

Old Testament Canticle

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the Old Testament canticle.

A suitable canticle is said or sung (see [Note 5](#)).

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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, 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.**

Gospel Canticle

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 is preached when Morning Prayer is the principal service (see [Note 3](#)).

Morning Prayer may conclude with one of the [Thanksgivings](#).