

Morning Prayer

Introduction

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Romans 1:7*)

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (*Psalms 118:24*)

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to seek his grace, that, through his Son, Jesus Christ, we may give ourselves to his service.

Jesus said: 'The first commandment is: "Listen Israel! the Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Confession

Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek his pardon and peace.

Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart; and we have not loved others as Christ loves us. We are truly sorry. In your mercy, forgive us. Help us to amend our lives; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

May God our Father,
who by our Lord Jesus Christ
has reconciled the world to himself
and forgives the sins of all who truly repent,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
and grant us the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips,
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
We sing to you, O Lord, and bless your name,
And tell of your salvation from day to day.

**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.**

Worship the Lord.
All praise to his name.

The Ministry of the Word

Psalm: set for the day

Ending 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.**

The Old Testament reading:

Ending with:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading:

Ending with:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Intercessions

We pray for the world and for our nation...

We pray for the Christian Church, The Diocese, Ministry Area
and our local church...

We pray for the clergy, lay ministers and leaders...

We pray for our local community...

We pray for those in need, who are lonely or sick...

We pray for our families and friends...

We pray for ourselves...

After each Section:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:
**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.**

The Collects

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you
is eternal life, to serve you is perfect freedom: defend us in all
assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your
protection, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**O Lord and heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting
God, we thank you for bringing us safely to the beginning
of this new day: defend us by your mighty power that we
may be kept free from all sin and safe from every danger;
and enable us in everything to do only what is right in
your eyes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Conclusion

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,
evermore. Amen.**