## An Order for Morning Prayer for use on Sunday

The Gathering

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to seek the forgiveness of our sins, and to pray for the needs of the world, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may give ourselves to the service of God

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth will proclaim your praise

Let us worship the Lord

All praise his name.

Blessed are you sovereign God, Creator of all, to you be glory and praise forever. 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 forever.

Hymn

**Penitence** 

If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.

Kneel or sit

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; father forgive us:

save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; father forgive us;

save us and help us.

For a failing you by what we do, and think and say; father forgive us:

save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us; father forgive us: save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father forgive us:

save us and help us.

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.** 

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon our path.
O Lord, your word is everlasting: it stands firm forever in the heavens.
Let us then receive the word of the Lord.
So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

Sit

**The First Reading** 

**Psalm** 

**The Second Reading** 

Te Deum

1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you | as the | Lord; all creation worships you, the | Father | ever|lasting.
2 To you all angels, all the | powers of | heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, | sing in | endless | praise:

3 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of | power and | might,

heaven and | earth are | full of  $\cdot$  your | glory.

4 The glorious company of a|postles | praise you; the noble | fellowship · of | prophets | praise you. 5 The white-robed army of | martyrs | praise you; throughout the world, the | holy | Church ac| claims you:

6 Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy | of all | praise, **the Holy Spirit,** | **advo**|**cate and** | **guide**.
7 You, Christ, are the | King of | glory,

the e|ternal | Son of  $\cdot$  the | Father.

8 When you took our flesh to | set us | free, you humbly | chose the | Virgin's womb.

9 You overcame the | sting of | death and opened the kingdom of | heaven · to | all be| lievers.

10 You are seated at God's right | hand in | glory: we believe that you will | come to | be our | judge.
11 Come then, Lord, and | help your | people,
bought with the | price of | your own | blood,
12 and bring us | with your | saints
to | glory | ever|lasting.

The Third Reading

## **Benedictus**

**1** Blessèd be the Lord the | God of | Israel, who has come to his | people · and | set them | free.

**2** The Lord has raised up for us a | mighty | saviour,

born of the | house of  $\cdot$  his | servant | David.

**3** Through the holy prophets God | promised  $\cdot$  of | old

to save us from our enemies, from the | hands of | those who | hate us,

**4** to show | mercy  $\cdot$  to our | forebears,

and to re|member  $\cdot$  his  $\mid$  holy  $\mid$  covenant.

**5** This was the oath God swore to our | father | Abraham:

to set us | free · from the | hand of · our | enemies. 6 Free to worship him with|out | fear, holy and righteous before him  $\mid$  all the  $\mid$  days of our  $\mid$  life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the | Most | High,

for you will go before the | Lord  $\cdot$  to pre|pare his | way,

**8** To give his people knowledge | of sal|vation **by the for**|**giveness** · **of** | **all their** | **sins**.

**9** In the tender compassion | of our | God the dawn from on | high shall | break up|on 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 be|ginning, is | now, and shall be for | ever. | A|men.

The Sermon

Hymn

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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 Prayers of the People

Kneel or sit

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to our Father.

Almighty and everliving God, we ask you to hear the prayer we offer in faith.

For the peace that comes from God alone, for the unity of all peoples, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Church of Christ, for Pat our Bishop [for...] and for the whole people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the nations of the world, [for...,] for our government and all authority, ley us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this community, for our neighbours and our friends, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and suffering [for...] and for all and any need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying, for those who mourn [the death of...], for the faithful whom we entrust to the lord in hope, as we look forward to the day when we share the fullness of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**.

Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, in the silence of our hearts, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to God.

Silence is kept

For yours is the majesty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one we are bold to 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

Hymn

A Thanksgiving

Stand

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

For the love of our Father, the maker of all, the giver of all good things, let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God** 

For Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lived and worked among us, let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For his suffering and death on the cross and his resurrection to new life, let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For his rule over all things and his presence in the world, let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who teaches us and guide us, let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church and the life of the world, let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and reflect God's glory.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ, Amen.**