

Morning Prayer

All kneel for the opening.

O Lord, open our † lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

† O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

This or another opening prayer may be said.

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.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The minister leads confession of sin, saying,

Most merciful God,

All Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;

that we may do justly, love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The minister stands to say,

May almighty God have mercy on us,
✠ forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All sit.

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 WORD OF GOD

Psalms and other scriptures may be read. Then all stand to say

THE BENEDICTUS

✠ 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.

from Luke 1.68-79

All 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.

All may face east to say

THE APOSTLE'S 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.

All kneel for

THE PRAYERS

Intercessions may be offered. The minister stands to conclude the prayers with the collect of the day, or this general collect:

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,
order us in all our doings and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

As our Saviour 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.

CONCLUSION

The minister leads this blessing, the Grace, or another blessing.

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

All Amen.

The minister concludes the service by saying,

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.