

Morning and Evening Prayer

1 *The minister welcomes the people and announces the opening* HYMN.

2 *The minister reads one or more* SCRIPTURE SENTENCES *and then says these* WORDS OF EXHORTATION:

either

The Bible encourages us repeatedly to acknowledge and confess our many sins and evil ways and that we should not try to hide them from Almighty God our heavenly Father. We are to confess them with a humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart so that we may receive forgiveness through God's infinite goodness and mercy.

We should humbly admit our sins to God at all times, but especially when we come together to give thanks for the blessings we have received from him, to offer the praise that is his due, to hear his most holy Word, to ask him to supply all our needs, and to pray for others as well as ourselves.

Let us then with a pure heart and humble voice approach our Father's throne of grace, and pray together:

or

We have come together in our Father's presence to offer him, through our Lord Jesus Christ, praise and thanksgiving; to hear his most holy Word; to pray for others as well as ourselves; and to ask forgiveness for our sins. Let us then confess our sins to Almighty God and pray together:

3 CONFESSION *All pray:*

either

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.
We have broken your holy laws,
We have left undone what we ought to have done, and
we have done what we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy on us pitiful sinners.**

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who truly repent,
as you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord.
And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a godly, righteous and disciplined life,
to the praise of your holy name. Amen.

or

Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge,
we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart;
and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We earnestly repent,
and are truly sorry for all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us,
and strengthen us to serve and obey you
in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4 *The minister declares GOD'S FORGIVENESS, saying:*

either

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they should turn from their wickedness and live. He has commanded and authorised his ministers to reassure his people that they will be forgiven when they repent of their sins. God pardons and forgives all who truly repent and sincerely believe his holy gospel. Therefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit; so that what we do now may please him, that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that finally we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or

Loving Father we rejoice that you pardon and forgive all those who truly repent and sincerely believe your holy gospel: grant us true repentance and your holy Spirit; so that we may live godly, righteous and holy lives and that we may come at the last to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5 THE LORD'S PRAYER *All pray:*

either

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.**

or

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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 yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

6 RESPONSES:

Minister Open our lips, O Lord.
People **And we shall declare your praise.**

Minister O God, make speed to save us.
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit:
People **as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Minister Let us praise the Lord.
People **The Lord's name be praised.**

7 A PSALM, *or Psalms, is said or sung.*

8 THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.

A psalm, hymn or canticle may be said or sung between the readings from the Old and New Testaments. A period of silence may follow the response after each reading.

After each reading the reader says:

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

9 *The NOTICES and BANNS OF MARRIAGE may be announced, after which the OFFERING is brought forward and received.*

10 *A PSALM, HYMN or CANTICLE may be said or sung.*

11 *THE APOSTLES' CREED is said by all. (The form to be found on p63 of the printed edition may be used on suitable occasions)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
From there he shall 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.**

12 **THE RESPONSES.**

Minister The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Minister Let us pray.

Minister O Lord, show us your mercy,
People **and grant us your salvation.**
Minister O Lord, save the Queen,
People **and mercifully hear us when we pray to you.**
Minister Endow your ministers with righteousness,
People **and make your chosen people joyful.**
Minister O Lord, save your people,
People **and bless your inheritance.**
Minister Give peace in our time, O Lord,
People **for you are our help and strength.**
Minister O God, cleanse our hearts,
People **and revive us by your Holy Spirit.**

13 THE COLLECT (*special prayer*) OF THE DAY (*page 84ff of the printed edition*)

14 At MORNING PRAYER *one or more of these prayers are used, said by all:*

O Lord our heavenly Father,
Almighty and Everlasting God,
we praise you for bringing us safely
to the beginning of this day:
defend us with your mighty power,
and grant that we fall into no sin,
nor run into any kind of danger,
but govern and guide us at all times,
so that we may do what is right in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the author and lover of peace,
whom to know is eternal life
and to serve is perfect freedom:
defend us your humble servants
against all assaults of our enemies,
that trusting in your defence,
we may not fear the power of any adversary;
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At EVENING PRAYER *one or both of these prayers are used:*

O God, the author of all holy desires,
all good purposes, and all just works:
give to us your servants that peace
which the world cannot give,
so that we, obeying your commands,
and being delivered from the fear of our enemies,
may live in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, Lord:
and by your great mercy defend us
from all peril and danger this night;
for the love of your only Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

15 A HYMN *or* ANTHEM *may be sung.*

16 *Other PRAYERS, including remembrance of the monarch and Royal Family (see e.g. page 39ff of the printed edition) These may end with THE GRACE said by 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.

17 *On Sundays the service may continue with the NOTICES (if not announced at section 9) and a HYMN is sung.*

18 THE SERMON *is preached.*

19 *A concluding HYMN is sung and then the minister dismisses the people with a PRAYER or BLESSING.*

These BLESSINGS may be used.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you his peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**