

DAILY MORNING PRAYER

The Officiant may begin Morning Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture. One of the following, or a sentence from among those provided at the end of the Office (pages 27-29), is customary.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 1:2

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the People

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

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 offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;

and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand.

Officiant O Lord, open our lips;

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise the Lord.

People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Then follows the Venite. Alternatively, the Jubilate may be used.

One of these antiphons, or one from the seasonal antiphons provided at the end of the Office (pages 29-30), may be sung or said before and after the Invitatory Psalm.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: *

O come, let us adore him.

VENITE

O Come

O come, let us sing unto the LORD; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the LORD is a great God *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the depths of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
For he is our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

PSALM 95:1-7

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O come, let us adore him.

Then follows

The Psalm

PSALM 78

Leader Psalm 78 will be read responsively by whole verse.

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

**6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; ***
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

**8 And not be like their forefathers,
a stubborn and rebellious generation, *
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
and whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, *
turned back in the day of battle;

**10 They did not keep the covenant of God, *
and refused to walk in his law;**

11 They forgot what he had done, *
and the wonders he had shown them.

**12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.**

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

**14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.**

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

**16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.**

17 But they went on sinning against him, *
rebellious in the desert against the Most High.

**18 They tested God in their hearts, *
demanding food for their craving.**

19 They railed against God and said, *
"Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

**20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; *
but is he able to give bread
or to provide meat for his people?"**

21 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; *
a fire was kindled against Jacob,
and his anger mounted against Israel;

**22 For they had no faith in God, *
nor did they put their trust in his saving power.**

23 So he commanded the clouds above *
and opened the doors of heaven.

**24 He rained down manna upon them to eat *
and gave them grain from heaven.**

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
he provided for them food enough.

**26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens *
and led out the south wind by his might.**

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust *
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

**28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp *
and round about their dwellings.**

29 So they ate and were well filled, *
for he gave them what they craved.

At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Nehemiah 9:16-20

Leader A reading from the Book of Nehemiah, the 9th Chapter, beginning at the 16th verse.

Ezra blessed the Lord, and said, "Our ancestors acted presumptuously and stiffened their necks and did not obey your commandments; they refused to obey, and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them; but they stiffened their necks and determined to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and you did not forsake them. Even when they had cast an image of a calf for themselves and said, 'This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,' and had committed great blasphemies, you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness; the pillar of cloud that led them in the way did not leave them by day, nor the pillar of fire by night that gave them light on the way by which they should go. You gave your good spirit to instruct them, and did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and gave them water for their thirst.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

We Praise You, O God

**We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; *
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.**

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, *
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, *
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you. *

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. *

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, *
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory, *
the eternal Son of the Father.**

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

**You overcame the sting of death *
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

You are seated at God's right hand in glory. *
We believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people, *
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints *
to glory everlasting.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;*
govern and uphold them now and always.
Day by day we bless you; *
we praise your Name for ever.
Keep us today, Lord, from all sin; *
have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, show us your love and mercy, *
for we have put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope; *
let us never be put to shame.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:35-39

Leader A reading from the Book of Romans, the 8th Chapter, beginning at the 35th verse.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTUS
The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.
 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
 To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
 In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness
 and in the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen.

Third Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Leader A reading from the Gospel of Matthew, the 14th Chapter, beginning at the 13th verse.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

LUKE 1:68-79

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE
A Song of Praise

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
 Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

SONG OF THE THREE YOUNG MEN, 29-34

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

**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 is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel or stand.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant and People

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **And let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant O Lord, save your people;

People **And bless your inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People **And defend us by your mighty power.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

The Officiant then prays one or more of the following Collects, always beginning with the Collect of the Day (usually the Collect of the Sunday or Principal Feast and of any of the weekdays following, or of the Holy Day being observed), found on pages 598-640. It is traditional to pray the Collects for Peace and Grace daily. Alternatively, one may pray the Collects on a weekly rotation, using the suggestions in italics.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR STRENGTH TO AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

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

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following prayers may be used.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness**

to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant says one of these concluding sentences (and the People may be invited to join)

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.**

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

WELCOME!

We are happy that you've joined us for worship today.

Who Are We? Through Jesus Christ we are building a community of believers to further the Kingdom of God in our community, our region, and the world. We embrace the practices and values of the ancient Christian Church, while making those practices and values accessible to today's culture. We share a common experience, a common interest, a common obedience, and a common goal.

- A Common Experience:** We all have experienced the love of God, through Jesus Christ, as forgiven sinners.
- A Common Interest:** We all desire to increase our knowledge of Jesus Christ as individuals and as a community of believers.
- A Common Obedience:** We all have recognized and confessed Jesus Christ as our master and lord above all others.
- A Common Goal:** We all are committed to bringing all people to the knowledge and love of God through Jesus Christ.

To This End: Our church, following the command of Jesus Christ, is to make disciples of all people, baptizing them in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to teach them the historic Christian faith until Jesus returns. Our church is to be a community of Christian disciples that is known for: their faithful worship of God, generosity, and hospitality.