

Welcome



We are a diverse, inclusive and welcoming community following Christ and seeking social justice in contemplation, compassion and celebration.

MORNING PRAYER

OPENING SENTENCES

Minister O Lord, open our lips,
All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Minister Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
All **according to your judgement give us life.**

Or

Minister O Lord, open our lips
All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Minister You laid the foundations of the earth
All **and the heavens are the work of your hands.**

Followed by

Minister Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
All **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Or

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

THE INVITATORY PSALM

Psalm 63:1-8

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live
* and lift up my hands in your name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

Or

Psalm 100

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
God himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his name.
- 4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE PSALM

Followed by

Minister Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
All **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

Or

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

THE FIRST READING

The first reading is followed by one of these responsories or canticles

Responsory 1

Minister Your salvation is near to those who fear you; that glory may dwell in our land.
All **Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Minister Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
All **Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Minister You are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
All **Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Or

Responsory 2

Minister Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.
All **Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name;
you are mine.**

Minister When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.
All **Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name;
you are mine.**

Minister You are precious in my sight and I love you. Do not fear, for I am with you.
All **Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name;
you are mine.**

Or

A Song of the Bride (Isaiah 61.10, 11; 62.1-3)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, *
my soul shall exult in my God;
who has clothed me with the garments of salvation, *
and has covered me with the cloak of integrity,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, *
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth puts forth its blossom, *
and as seeds in the garden spring up,
so shall God make righteousness and praise *
blossom before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I shall not keep silent, *
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until its deliverance shines out like the dawn, *
and its salvation as a burning torch.
For nations shall see your deliverance, *
and all rulers shall see your glory;
then you shall be called by a new name *
which the mouth of God will give.
You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, *
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Or

A Song of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36.24-26, 28b)

I will take you from the nations, *
and gather you from all the countries.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you, *
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.
A new heart I will give you, *
and put a new spirit within you,
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone *
and give you a heart of flesh.
You shall be my people, *
and I will be your God.

Or

A Song of the Heavenly City (Revelation 21.22-26; 22.1, 2b, d, 3b, 4)

I saw no temple in the city, *
for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.
And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, *
for the glory of God is its light,
and its lamp is the Lamb.
By its light the nations shall walk, *
and the rulers of the earth
shall bring their glory into it.
Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night, *
they shall bring into it
the glory and honour of the nations.
I saw the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, *
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
And either side of the river stood the tree of life,
yielding its fruit each month, *
and the leaves of the tree
were for the healing of the nations.
The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there,
and the servants of God shall worship the Holy One; *
and they shall see the divine face
whose name shall be on their foreheads.

Or

A Song of Christ's Goodness (Anselm of Canterbury)

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; *
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, *
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, *
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; *
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; *
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead, *
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; *
in your love and tenderness, remake us.
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, *
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

THE SECOND READING

BENEDICTUS

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, you promised of old
to save us from our enemies,*
from the hands of all who hate us,
to show mercy to our forebears,*
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's 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 the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

THE INTERCESSIONS AND THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister Rejoicing in God's new creation and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us, in the language closest to each of our hearts,

All **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 DISMISSAL

Minister Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sources: *Pray Without Ceasing; Common Worship: Daily Prayer; The Book of Alternative Services; Enriching Our Worship.*