

Morning Prayer

The Minister may say

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Minister greets the people

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

All **Amen**

Invocation

Minister O Lord open our lips;
All **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Minister O God, make speed to save us;
All **O Lord, make haste to help us**

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Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria in Excelsis Deo is said, except in Lent :

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**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

In Lent, the following short form is said

Minister
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.**

Psalmody

Venite (Psalm 95)

Come, let our voices join to raise
Triumphant song our rock to praise;
With joy now let us all rehearse
Our great God's honours in our verse.

Come, let us join the courts above,
Thanks giving to the God of love:
Creator of the depths of earth;
The seas and hills that show his worth.

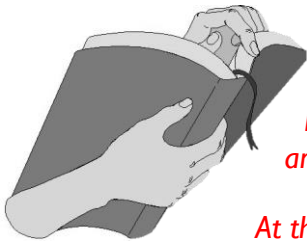
Come, let our souls address the Lord
Who framed our natures with the Word;
God is our Shepherd; we the sheep.
Divine the pastures where we sleep.

Come, let us hear God's voice today,
The counsels of great love obey;
Nor let our hardened hearts renew
The sins and plagues our forebears knew.

Come, let us now with holy dread
Eschew the path the rebels tread;
Believe, and take the promised rest;
Obey, and be for ever blest.

Come, let us sing with one accord
And praise the everlasting Lord
Creator, Son and Spirit sure;
Together lauded ever more. Amen

*Words Christopher Lowdon (b.1963)
Based on a version by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*



First reading

A reading, usually from the Old Testament section of the Bible. The words for this and the other variable readings are on the weekly sheet, available from the website.

At the end of each reading the reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

A Psalm may be said or sung.

Second reading

A reading from the New Testament may follow. At the end, the reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All

Thanks be to God.

Canticle

The Benedictus or another canticle (see the Weekly Sheet) is used.

Bless the Lord, the God of Israel
Who has come to set us free
He has raised for us a saviour
sprung from David's royal tree.
Through his prophets, God has spoken
of the hope that Christ would bring
Of his faithfulness and mercy
let each generation sing

Long ago God made a promise
he would set his people free,
that in all our life and worship
we might know true liberty,
to be holy, to be righteous
in his sight throughout our days;
now this child will be a herald
making ready all God's ways.

Let all people know salvation
through forgiveness of their sin,
as our God in his compassion
bids a shining dawn begin.
So may all who dwell in darkness
see the shadows disappear
while he guides our feet in pathways
where his peace is ever near.

To the Father be all glory
with the Spirit and the Son,
as it was, is now and shall be
while eternal ages run.

Anne M Harrison (b.1954)

Prayers of Intercession

One of the following forms of prayer should be used. In exceptional circumstances, other prayers may be used.

Form I

(If there is anything, any situation or any individual that we need to pray for, it will be mentioned here.)

All Father, we pray for your Holy, catholic Church;
that all may be one.

All Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
that your name may be glorified by all people.

All We pray for all bishops, ministers, deacons and lay leaders;
that they may be faithful ministers of the Gospel in Word and Sacrament.

All We pray for all who govern and exercise authority or influence throughout the world;
that there may be peace and justice on Earth.

All Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
that our works may find favour in your sight.

All Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
that they may be delivered from their distress.

All Give to the departed, eternal rest and peace;
and let light perpetual shine on them.

All We praise you for your Saints who have now entered glory;
May we come to share in your heavenly Kingdom.

All Lord God, mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord;
Amen.

Form 2

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God...

All For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for those who are alone.

All For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

All For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

All For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

All For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

All For all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

A short period of silence is kept for our own personal prayers

All Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

All We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

All We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

All Lord God, mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Form 3

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

As we pray for your church, we pray particularly for...

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

As we pray for your people, we pray for...

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

As we pray for your world, we pray for...

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

As we pray for our neighbours, we pray for...

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for...

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, (*especially...*)
We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray
that we may share with them and all your saints in your eternal
kingdom

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Collect

The minister introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or something similar. Our prayers are "collected" together, with a special seasonal prayer.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to pray:

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 Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore.

All

Amen.

Notices and Announcements

The Minister or one of the church leadership team may have some notices or announcements to share.

Address (optional)

A sermon or address may be given.

*After the address, if there is one,
there will be time of quiet for reflection.*

Dismissal

The minister says or sings

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

In the name of Christ: Amen.

The minister and people depart.