Anglican Parish of St Luke, Toowoomba Extracts from A Prayer Book for Australia

Morning Prayer Services for use during the time of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Crisis.

These booklets are for this specific time and should be disposed of once the crisis has passed.

Those who have access to a full copy of APBA are best to use that copy (copies can also be obtained from the Parish Office).

Prayer to use:

Loving and gracious God,

bless and protect us all in this time of crisis.

Surround us with your love and care,

fill us with your peace and sustain us with your hope.

Grant wisdom to all who are leading us and strength to those who are at the forefront of engaging with this crisis.

Hold us now and always in your loving embrace.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

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Morning Prayer

FIRST ORDER

INTRODUCTION

1 The Sentence of the Day or one of the following may be read.

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Revelation 4.11

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 4.24

- 2 A hymn may be sung.
- 3 The minister reads one or more of these, or other suitable sentences of Scripture.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Psalm 51.9

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2.13

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

Daniel 9.9–10

The Kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe in the gospel.

Mark 1.15

I will go to my father, and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

Luke 15.18-19

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.8-9

4 The minister continues

Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins, and not to conceal them from God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his infinite goodness and mercy.

We ought always to admit our sins before God, and especially when we come together to give thanks for the good things we have received at his hands, to offer the praise that is his due, to hear his holy word, and to ask what is necessary for the body as well as the soul.

Therefore, let us draw near to the throne of our gracious God, as we pray:

All kneel for a general Confession.

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have 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 what we ought to have done,
and we have done what we ought not to have done.
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;
restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant, most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live godly, righteous and sober lives
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

6 The priest stands to pronounce the Absolution.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has no pleasure in the death of sinners, but would rather they should turn from their wickedness and live.

He has given authority to his ministers to declare to his people who repent the forgiveness of sins.

God pardons all who truly repent and believe his holy gospel.

And so we ask him to grant us true repentance, and his holy Spirit, that what we do now may please him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or

The minister may read one of these sentences of Scripture.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2.1–2

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the perfect offering for our sins.

1 John 4.10

Except on Sundays, when the Introduction is used, the service may begin here.

7 Open our lips, O Lord;

and we shall declare your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

All stand.

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

8 Psalm 95 (Venite)

O come, let us sing out to the Lord: let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his face with thanksgiving: and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth: and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his and he made it: his hands moulded dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down: and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God:

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Today if only you would hear his voice:

'Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness;

'When your forebears tested me: put me to proof though they had seen my works.

'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said: "It is a people who err in their hearts, for they do not know my ways";

'Of whom I swore in my wrath:
"They shall not enter my rest."

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Or in Eastertide, the Hymn to the Risen Christ

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us: so let us celebrate the feast,

Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: death has no more dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all: in living he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead: the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by one man came death:

by another has come also resurrection of the dead;

For as in Adam all die:

even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

The Psalm(s) of the day. After the last psalm

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

- 10 The first Reading, from the Old Testament, is announced by the name of the book, the number of the chapter, and 'beginning at verse...' After the reading, the reader says 'Here ends the first reading'.
- 11 The Song of the Church (Te Deum) or a similar hymn of praise

We praise you, O God:

we acclaim you as the 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, Lord 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.

The Song may end here, or continue

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.

12 The second Reading, from the New Testament
After the reading, the reader says 'Here ends the second reading'.

13 The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus) or a similar hymn

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel: who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God 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 his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear:

holy and righteous before him, 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 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 the shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

14 The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there 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.

15 The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

All kneel.

The Litany may replace these prayers when appropriate.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Lord, show us your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.
Keep our nation under your care,
and guide us in justice and truth.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness,
and make your chosen people joyful.
Lord, save your people,
and bless your inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord,
for you are our help and strength.
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

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18 The Collect for Peace

O God, the author and lover of peace, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend your servants in all assaults of our enemies, that, surely trusting in your defence, we may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

19 Morning Collect

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for bringing us safely to this day: keep us by your mighty power, and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but lead and govern us in all things, that we may always do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- 20 An anthem or hymn may be sung.
- Prayers are offered for those in authority, for the Church and for all people. The following, or other appropriate prayers, may be used.

A Prayer for all in Authority

Almighty God, fountain of all goodness, we humbly pray you to bless our sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who govern us: may all things be ordered in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of your holy name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

Lord God almighty, ruler of the nations of the earth, give wisdom to the Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison and the *Premier of Queensland*, Anastasia Palache to the members of Parliament (*especially N*) and to all who hold office in this land.

Grant that their decisions may be based on wise counsel, so that peace and welfare, truth and justice may prevail among us, and make us a blessing to other nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Church

Almighty and eternal God, you alone work great marvels: send down your Spirit of saving grace on all Christian people. Bless our bishops, clergy and congregations: pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing that they may truly please you. Grant this, for the honour of Jesus Christ our advocate and mediator. **Amen.** 8

A Prayer for all People

God of providence, God of love, we pray for all people: make your way known to them, your saving power among all nations.

We pray for the welfare of your Church throughout the world: guide and govern it by your Spirit, so that all who call themselves Christians may be led in the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or circumstances (*especially*...). Relieve them according to their needs, giving them patience in their sufferings, and deliverance from their afflictions. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

A concluding prayer from the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

A general thanksgiving

Almighty God and merciful Father, we give you hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation and 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 a sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may praise you not only with our lips, but in our lives, serving you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

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

Morning Prayer

SECOND ORDER

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The minister reads one or more of these or other suitable sentences of Scripture.

Through Christ let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Hebrews 13.15

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!

Revelation 5.12

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, who was, and is, and is to come!

Revelation 4.8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

These or similar responses are used.

Open our lips, O Lord,

and we shall declare your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

In the Easter season may be added

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

- *Hymn(s) of praise and/or invocation may be sung.*
- The minister continues in these or similar words.

Friends in Christ,

we come together to meet with God, and to take our part in the building up of his Church.

We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,

hear from God's holy word,

and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

[Today ...]

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we do so, we must confess our sins,

seeking forgiveness through God's boundless

goodness and mercy.

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5 One or more of these or other suitable sentences of Scripture may be read.

God now commands all people everywhere to repent, for he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Acts 17.30-31

I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no more worthy to be called your son'.

Luke 15.18-19

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us.

Daniel 9.9-10

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.8–9

6 Silence may be kept.

The minister continues

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together, God of all mercy, we humbly admit that we need your help. We have wandered from your way.

We have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what is right.

You alone can save us.

Have mercy on us,

wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.

Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit

that we may live the new life to your glory.

This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

7 The minister stands and declares God's forgiveness.

God desires that none should perish,

but that all should turn to Christ, and live.

In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.

God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.

Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

and/or

The minister may read one of these sentences of Scripture.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2.1–2

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the perfect offering for our sins.

1 John

4.10

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38-39

8 All stand. The minister says

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His steadfast love endures for ever!

The minister greets the people, who may greet one another.

Grace and peace be with you and also with you.

A hymn or song of praise and thanksgiving follows, or one of the following forms may be used.

Come, let us sing to the Lord,

shout to the rock of our salvation.

Serve the Lord with gladness,

come before his face with songs of joy.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

10 The minister offers this prayer, or a suitable alternative, in preparation for the reading and teaching of the Scriptures.

Heavenly Father,

give us wisdom and understanding.

As we listen to your Word,

may we know you better,

love you more,

and learn to please you in all we do;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The first Reading, from the Old Testament, or as appointed.

The readings may be concluded

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Each reading may be followed by silence, music, meditative response, discussion, dialogue or testimony.

11 The Psalm(s) of the day are said or sung here, or may precede the Old Testament reading.

These words may be added after the last psalm

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

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- 12 The Canticle, The Song of the Church (page 14), The Song of Mary (page 17) or other hymn may follow.
- 13 A Reading or readings from the New Testament.
- 14 The Canticle, The Song of Zechariah (page 16), or other hymn may follow.
- 15 The Sermon is preached here or later.
- 17 The Apostles' Creed is said or sung. In its place the Song of the Church (Te Deum, page 15) may be used, or another hymn declaring the Christian faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

from there 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.

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

18 The minister says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

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19 The minister continues

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens, let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,

and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth,

your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth,

that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.

Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,

for we put our trust in you.

20 The Collect of the Day

21 The minister may continue

Let your requests be made known unto God.

In everything give thanks.

Prayers and thanksgivings may be offered

For the whole created order, especially ...

For the nations and peoples of the earth ...

For those in authority in this land ...

For the Church, its leaders and members ...

For our community, families and friends ...

For those who are in need ...

For particular situations ...

After each prayer the following or similar responses may be used.

Father, hear our prayer,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

23 The prayers conclude with one or both of the following.

Faithful God, you have promised to hear the prayers of all who ask in Jesus' name. In your mercy, accept our prayers. Give us what we have asked in faith, according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Hymns or songs may be used at any appropriate point in this section.

24 Notices and other announcements may be made.

27 One of the following, or a similar prayer, is said.

Eternal God and Father,

by whose power we are created, and by whose love we are redeemed: Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

Lord Jesus Christ,

send us out with confidence in your word to tell the world of your saving acts, and bring glory to your name. Amen.

28 The minister says one of the following

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. **Amen**.

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May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

29 The minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Canticles for use at Sunday Morning Prayer

The Song of the Church (Te Deum Laudamus)

We praise you, O God:

We acclaim you as the 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 Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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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, Lord 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.

The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus, Luke 1.68–79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel: who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God 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 his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear:

holy and righteous before him, 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 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 the shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Song of Mary (Magnificat, Luke 1.47–55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant: from this day all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him: from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm: and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things: and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever.

The following is especially suitable at \P *9 during Easter:*

Hymn of the Risen Christ (Easter Anthems)

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us: so let us celebrate the feast,

Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: Death has no more dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all: in living he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead: the firstfruits of those who sleep.

For as by one man came death:

by another has come also the resurrection of the dead;

For as in Adam all die:

even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

A Service of Praise, Prayer and Proclamation

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD

The minister greets the people and reads one or more of the following.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.16–17

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to God glorious praise. Say, 'How awesome are your deeds!'

Psalm 66.1-3

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare God's glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

Psalm 96.2–3

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2.9–10

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!

Revelation 5.12

Great and marvellous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

Revelation 15.3-4

The following or a similar thanksgiving may be said together.

Gracious God, we humbly thank you for life and health and safety, for freedom to work, leisure to rest, and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life. But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection; for the gift of your Spirit; and for the hope of sharing in your glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A time of praise follows, including suitable hymns, songs and prayers.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

4 This prayer or a suitable alternative is said in preparation for the reading and teaching of Scripture.

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son.

We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word, so that we may be ready to serve you; for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

5 The First Reading, from the Old Testament After each reading the reader may say

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

- 6 A psalm, hymn or song may follow, enabling the congregation to respond to the first reading.
- 7 The Second Reading, from the New Testament
- 8 A New Testament Canticle may follow or a song enabling the congregation to respond to the second reading.
- 9 The Apostles' Creed may be said here or after the sermon.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there 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.

or this Affirmation of Faith may be used.

We believe in one God, who made and loves all that is.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was born, lived, died and rose again, and is coming to call all to account.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

who calls, equips and sends out God's people, and brings all things to their true end.

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

- 10 The Sermon
- 12 A hymn or song may be sung.

CONFESSION OF SIN

13 The following Confession or an authorised alternative may be introduced by recollecting what has been highlighted in the sermon or by reading one of these passages.

'Come now, let us reason together,' says the Lord. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson they shall be like wool.'

Isaiah 1.18

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Psalm 32.1

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2.13

Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4.16

Let us now confess our sins to almighty God.

Heavenly Father,

you have loved us with an everlasting love,

but we have broken your holy laws

and have left undone what we ought to have done.

We are sorry for our sins

and turn away from them.

For the sake of your Son who died for us,

forgive us, cleanse us and change us.

By your Holy Spirit,

enable us to live for you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

14 The minister stands and declares God's forgiveness.

God desires that none should perish,

but that all should turn to Christ, and live.

In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.

God pardons those who humbly repent,

and truly believe the gospel.

Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

One or more of the following passages may also be used as an assurance of God's forgiveness.

Christ died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6.10-11

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2.4–5

Jesus is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7.25

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

15 The Lord's Prayer is said here or after \P 16.

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.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

16 Prayers may be offered for the world for the community for the work of the Church, and for the needs of individuals.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

17 This or a similar prayer may be said.

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together.

Take us and use us
to love and serve you
and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

18 The service may conclude with a hymn or song and this blessing.

May the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing his will, working in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.** 21

The Daily Services Sunday Morning

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118.24

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of Triumph (Venite)

O come, let us sing out to the Lord: let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his face with thanksgiving: and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth: and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his and he made it: his hands moulded dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down: and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God:

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Today if only you would hear his voice:

'Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness;

'When your forebears tested me: put me to proof though they had seen my works.

'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:
"It is a people who are in their hearts.

"It is a people who err in their hearts, for they do not know my ways";

'Of whom I swore in my wrath:

"They shall not enter my rest."

Psalm 95

or the Easter Anthems (page 16) may be used during the Easter season.

3 The Opening Prayer

The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be 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. **Amen.**

- 4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.
- 5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow

Lord God, whose blessed Son rose in triumph and set us free: grant us the fullness of life he promised us, that through the Holy Spirit our hearts may possess him whom our eyes cannot see, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.

The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or

May your word live in us and bear much fruit to your glory.

7 The Canticle, The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel: who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God 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 his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear:

holy and righteous before him, 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 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 the shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

8 The Apostles' Creed may be said.

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I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there 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.

9 The Prayers

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

- 10 The Collect of the Day
- 11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.
- 12 The Morning Collect

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

13 The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of the 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

Monday Morning

I God's love has been poured into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5.5

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Marvellous Acts

I will sing a new hymn to my God: O Lord you are great and marvellous, you are marvellous in your strength, invincible.

Let the whole creation serve you: for you spoke and all things came to be;

You sent out your Spirit and it formed them: no one can resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths: rocks melt like wax at your presence; But to those who revere you:

you still show mercy.

Judith 16.13–15

3 The Opening Prayer

The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be 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. **Amen.**

- 4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.
- 5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow

Creator Spirit, Advocate promised by our Lord Jesus: increase our faith and help us to walk in the light of your presence, to the glory of God the Father; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or

May your word live in us and bear much fruit to your glory.

7 The Canticle, A Song of Isaiah

'Behold, God is my salvation:
I will trust and will not be afraid;
'For the Lord God is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.'
25

With joy you will draw water: from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say:

'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

- 'Make known his deeds among the nations: proclaim that his name is exalted.
- 'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously: let this be known in all the world.
- 'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion: for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

Isaiah 12.2-6

- 8 The Apostles' Creed (page 23) may be said.
- 9 The Prayers

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

- 10 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day
- 11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.
- 12 The Morning Collect

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

13 The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. May we rekindle the gift of God within us. **Amen.**

see 2 Timothy 1.6–7

Tuesday Morning

1 We will proclaim the name of the Lord.
Ascribe greatness to our God.

Deuteronomy 32.3

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Mercy

God who is rich in mercy: out of the great love with which he loved us, Even when we were dead through our trespasses: made us alive together with Christ,

And raised us up with him: and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

That he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace: in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2.4–7

3 The Opening Prayer

The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be 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. **Amen.**

- 4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.
- 5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow

Lord, our God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier: we ask you to cleanse us from all hypocrisy, to unite us to our fellow men and women by the bonds of peace and love, and to confirm us in holiness; now and for ever. **Amen.**

6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.

The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or

May your word live in us and bear much fruit to your glory.

7 The Canticle, A Song of the Blessed

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn:

for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:

for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger

and thirst for what is right:

for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful:

for mercy shall be shown to them.

Blessed are the pure in heart:

for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:

for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted

for righteousness' sake:

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.3–10

8 The Apostles' Creed (page 23) may be said.

9 The Prayers

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Lord have mercy.

- 10 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day
- 11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.

12 The Morning Collect

Lord and heavenly Father, you have brought us safely to this new day: keep us by your mighty power, protect us from sin, guard us from every kind of danger, and in all we do this day direct us in the fulfilling of your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

13 The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace. **Amen.**Numbers 6.24–26

Wednesday Morning

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5.16–18

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Grace

Blessed are you,

the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

for you have blessed us in Christ Jesus

with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

You chose us to be yours in Christ

before the foundation of the world:

that we should be holy and blameless before you.

In love you destined us to be your children,

through Jesus Christ:

according to the purpose of your will,

To the praise of your glorious grace:

which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1.3-6

3 The Opening Prayer

The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be 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. **Amen.**

- 4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.
- 5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow

We consecrate this day to your service, O Lord; may all our thoughts, words, and actions be well-pleasing to you and serve the good of our brothers and sisters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.

The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

7 The Canticle, Te Deum Laudamus

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,

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.

8 The Apostles' Creed (page 23) may be said.

9 The Prayers

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

10 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day

11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.

12 The Morning Collect

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

13 The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony with one another in accord with Christ Jesus, that we may with one voice glorify our God and Father. **Amen.**

Romans 15.5–6

Thursday Morning

1 This is the message we have heard from Christ:

that God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1.5

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Herald

Go up to a high mountain herald of good tidings to Zion: lift up your voice with strength, herald of good tidings to Jerusalem.

Lift up your voice, fear not: say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'

See the Lord God, coming with power: coming to rule with his mighty arm.

He brings his reward for the people of God: the recompense for those who are saved.

God will feed his flock like a shepherd: and gather the lambs in his arms;

He will hold them to his breast: and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40.9-11

3 The Opening Prayer

The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be 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. **Amen.**

- 4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.
- 5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share our human nature, so we may be partakers in his divine glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.
The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection.

May your word live in us and bear much fruit to your glory.

7 The Canticle, The Hymn of the Word

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God,
And the Word was God:
He was in the beginning with God. 31

All things were made through him:

and without him, was not anything made that was made.

In him was life:

and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness:

and the darkness has not overcome it.

He was in the world:

and the world was made through him yet the world knew him not.

He came to his own home:

and his own people received him not.

But to all who received him who believed on his name:

he has given power to become children of God;

Who were born not of blood

nor of the will of the flesh:

nor of the will of a man but of God.

And the Word became flesh:

and dwelt among us full of grace and truth;

We have beheld his glory:

glory as of the only Son from the Father.

And from his fullness have we all received:

and grace upon grace.

John 1.1-5, 10-14,

8 The Apostles' Creed (page 23) may be said.

9 The Prayers

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Lord have mercy.

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- 12 The Morning Collect

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And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of peace equip us with everything good so that we may do his will; and may he work in us that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**32

see Hebrews 13.20–21

Friday Morning

1 Through Christ let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Hebrews 13.15

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Grace

We have complete freedom:

to go into the most holy place by means of the death of Jesus.

He opened for us a new way, a living way:

through the curtain, through his own body.

Since we have a great high priest set over the household of God:

let us draw near with a sincere heart and a sure faith,

With hearts that have been made clean

from a guilty conscience:

and bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10.19-22

3 The Opening Prayer

The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be 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. **Amen.**

- 4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.
- 5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow

Holy God, through your beloved Son you reconciled all things to yourself, making peace by the blood of his cross: fill us and those for whom we pray with your peace and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.

The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or

May your word live in us and bear much fruit to your glory.

7 The Canticle, Saviour of the World

Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to us in your mercy: we look to you to save and help us.

. 33 By your cross and your life laid down, you set your people free: we look to you to save and help us.

When they were ready to perish,

you saved your disciples:

we look to you to come to our help.

In the greatness of your mercy,

loose us from our chains:

forgive the sins of all your people.

Make yourself known as our saviour and mighty deliverer:

save and help us that we may praise you.

Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:

hear our prayer and be with us always.

And when you come in your glory: make us to be one with you and to share the life of your kingdom.

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And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Peace be to us all, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ephesians 6.23

Record here those people who you hold in your heart and remember them in prayer each day