



ABOUT THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. (Psalm 5:3)

From the morning and evening sacrifices offered by Old Testament Israel to the hours of prayer observed by the New Testament Church, the practice of daily morning and evening prayer has always framed the lives of the people of God. Indeed, since Adam and Eve were accustomed to meeting the Lord in the Garden "in the cool of the day," it is clear this practice is rooted in Creation.

The Order for Daily Morning Prayer presented here is taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) which has been in use since 1549. The Order itself, however, is not particular to the Anglican church but rather reflects a tradition of daily prayer from the Early Church. The language of the BCP is traditional, and together with readings from the King James Version of the Bible, serves to root us in five centuries of English prayer, hymnody, and theology and to familiarize us with the language of the classics of English literature.

The Order for Morning Prayer is formative. It is designed to serve the reading of scripture and to direct our prayers. It falls accordingly into two parts: the first focuses on the reading of the Old and New Testaments and the second on corporate prayer.

The Scriptures are God's Word. It is fitting then that we encounter them in Morning Prayer in the form of a dialogue. The Opening Sentences call us to acknowledge God's presence, and we respond by confessing of our sin and need of God's mercy and forgiveness. We hear the assurance of pardon for all who repent and turn to Christ in faith, and we respond boldly by praying the Prayer our Lord himself taught us and by singing the Psalms inspired by the Holy Spirit. Next we hear readings from both the Old and New Testaments, and we respond to each with a song that praises God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We conclude first part by reciting the Creed, which teaches us always to respond to God's Word in faith.

We turn to the prayers with hearts and voices tuned to sing God's praise, and minds instructed by God's Word, following St. Paul's words to the Philippians: "Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." We pray for Grace and Peace for the ensuing day, we supplicate God for our country and for the Church, we intercede for the needs of all mankind, and we give thanks for God's faithful providence. Finally, we are dismissed with a blessing from the closing words of 2 Corinthians: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

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* 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 corners of the | earth;

* and the strength of the hills | is his also.

The sea is his, and he | made it;

* and his hands prepar- | ed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall | down,

* and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our | God;

* and we are the people of his pasture,
and the | sheep of his hand.

O worship the LORD in the beauty of | holiness;

* let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the | earth;

* and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the | peoples with his truth.

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ever**lasting**.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the |
Powers therein;

* To thee Cherubim and Seraphim con- | tinually do
cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of | Sabaoth;

* Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty | of thy
glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles | **praise** thee.

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Thou sittest at the right | hand of God,

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We believe that thou shalt come to | be our Judge.

* We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed | with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered | with thy Saints,

* in glory | everlasting.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine | heritage.

* Govern them and lift them | up for **ever.**

Day by day we | magni • fy thee;

* And we worship thy Name ever | world without **end**.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with | **out** sin.

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And hath raised up a mighty sal- | vation for us,

* in the house of his | servant **David**;

As he spake by the mouth of his | holy Prophets,

* which have | been since the | world began;

That we should be saved | from our enemies,

* and from the hand of | all that **hate** us.

To perform the mercy promised to our | **forefathers**,

* and to remember his | holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our

forefather | Abraham, * that | he would **give** us;

That we being delivered out of the | hand of • our enemies

* might | serve him without **fear**;

In holiness and righteous- | ness before him,

* all the | days of **our** life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet | of the Highest:

* for thou shalt go before the face of the | Lord to

pre- | pare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation | unto • his people

* for the re | mission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy | of our God;

* whereby the day-spring from on | high hath |

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I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

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.

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A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy

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We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

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LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A GENERAL CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy 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 there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION, OR REMISSION OF SINS.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and

commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ Note: in place of the Declaration of Absolution, the minister may recite the Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity.

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Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer.

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