



THE ORDER OF MORNING PRAYER

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Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church of Canada is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The Minister shall read aloud one or more of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow.

Trinity Sunday. God is love; and those that abideth in love abideth in God and God in them. 1 John 4.16

Of Worship. The LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. Habakkuk 2. 20.



Third Sunday After Pentecost

Creating God, you make all things new. Plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts, so that, trusting your word, we may live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and was raised for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.



Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken

DEARLY beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation with the Minister, all kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, 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 them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto all in Christ Jesu 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 Absolution, or Remission of sins, to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that one 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 them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we 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.

The people shall answer here, and at the end of all other prayers:

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer, said together

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 them that 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.

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips;

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us;

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say:

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord;

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO. PSALM 95 (*said responsively by the **bold** verse*)

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 corners of the earth: / **and the strength of the hills is his also.**

The sea is his, and 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 the Lord our God; / **and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

TO-DAY, O that ye would hear his voice: / **'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;**

When your fathers tempted me, / **proved me, and saw my works.**

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, / **"It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways";**

Unto whom I swear in my wrath, / **that they should not enter into my rest.'**

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / **and to the Holy Ghost;**

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

Psalm 20 (read responsively by the bold verse)

Responding to the story of the anointing of David, we sing Psalm 20, a royal psalm that prays for God's blessing on the king. It is as if we are cheering David on, but we also are acknowledging that Christ is the Lord's anointed. In the resurrection is Christ's victory.

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

send you help from the holy place of the Lord and strengthen you out of Zion;

remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice;

grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the name of our God; may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that you, O Lord, give victory to your anointed, whom you will answer out of the heavenly realms with the victorious strength of your mighty hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

They collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright.

O Lord, give victory to your anointed and answer us when we call.

First Lesson: Samuel 15:34-16:13

Reading semicontinuously through 1 Samuel, we come to the story of Samuel's countercultural choice of David, who is the youngest son, rather than the firstborn son of nobility, to be a better king than was Saul. Part of the purpose behind these stories is to present the Davidic monarchy as divinely established. The description of David as a shepherd connects him both to Israel's nomadic past and to ancient Near Eastern metaphors of the king as a shepherd. Christians have used the story of the anointing of David as a precursor of the Spirit anointing Jesus at his baptism, and many Christians anoint with oil in the ritual of baptism, in which all believers are granted the Spirit of God. That David is the youngest son can link with the image of the mustard bush, God using the lowest in surprising ways.

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The

elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Christians have developed each of Paul's hints about human destiny by means of the belief in the immortality of the soul, the final judgment, and the death and resurrection of Christ as the transformative power of God in the present. Christians have proposed a variety of ways that these religious ideas cohere.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gradual Hymn: We Walk By Faith

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

With the mustard seed parable, Mark is not presenting the stereotypical image of the small-become-great. Rather, in the cross and resurrection of Christ, what looks to the world like an annual bush, grown only for flavoring, is actually recognized by believers as the cosmic tree of life. The church itself cannot explain the growth of the seed: the mystery lies in the power of God.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

BENEDICTUS. ST LUKE 1:68 *(said responsively by the bold verse)*

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; / **for he hath visited and redeemed his people;**

And hath raised up a mighty salvation 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 hands 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 grant us**

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies / **might serve him without fear,**

In holiness and righteousness 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 prepare his ways;**

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people / **for the remission of their sins;**

Through the tender mercy of our God; / **whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;**

To give light to them that sit 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 Ghost;**

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

Then shall be said the Confession of the Faith, called the Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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.

And after the Creed these prayers following, all devoutly kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing:

The Lord be with you;

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then the Priest standing up shall say:

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Priest. O Lord, save the Queen;

People. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest. O Lord, save thy people;

People. And bless thine inheritance.

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People. And evermore mightily defend us.

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

Creating God,

you make all things new.

Plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts,

so that, trusting your word,

we may live no longer for ourselves

but for him who died and was raised for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Second Collect, for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Third Collect, for Grace.

O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: Seed Scattered and Sown

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner, Rector

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy; Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby; Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate; Archbishop Mark MacDonald, Indigenous Bishop, Archbishop David Edwards Metropolitan and Bishop Sandra Fyfe, Bishop of Nova Scotia and PEI, and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer St. Augustine's, Jollimore, Nova Scotia The Rev. Canon David Greenwood, Priest-in-Charge Falkland and Purcell's Cove, Nova Scotia. The Rev. Helen Ryding, Priest-in-Charge, and David Lyttle St. Philip's, Purcell's Cove, St. James', Herring Cove and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer for all Conditions of People

Christ Church Prayer List: Cathy Simpson, Rod Simpson, Christina and Stephen Dadford, Haley Slaunwhite, Ethan and Owen Miguens, Laura Slaunwhite, Janet and David Slayter.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all humankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of people; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate: Joan Halsey , Glen, Nancy, Les, Rick , Melba, Shelia Jollimore, Edith, Bob, Christine, Susan, Shelagh, Bev & John Zinck, Faye & Brud Thornham, Allan, Ross, Kenzie and Residents of the Admiral, Oakwood, Oceanview, Parkland, and all in Care Homes, that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities,

giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

A General Thanksgiving, to be said together.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all. 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 ourselves 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.

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14.

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

Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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