



CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH

An inclusive church welcoming everyone

THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

The Book of Alternative Services (1985)

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.

Opening Hymn

All stand.

Officiant Lord, open our lips,

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the**

Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be for ever. Amen.

Except in Lent, add,

Alleluia!

The Invitatory

Then follows one of the Invitatory psalms,

1 God rules over all the earth: O come, let us worship.

2 The Lord is in his holy temple: O come, let us worship.

3 The Lord is our refuge and strength: O come, let us worship.

4 The Lord is our light and our life: O come, let us worship.

Advent

5 The kingdom of God is at hand: O come, let us worship.

Incarnation

6 To us a child is born: O come, let us worship.

7 The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:
O come, let us worship.

Lent

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us worship.

Passion

9 Christ became obedient unto death: O come, let us worship.

Easter

10 Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us worship.

Ascension

11 Alleluia! The Sun of righteousness has risen: O come, let us worship.

Pentecost

12 Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:
O come, let us worship.

Trinity

13 Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty: O come, let us worship.

Saints' Days

14 The Lord is glorious in his saints: O come, let us worship.

VENITE *Psalm 95.1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

JUBILATE *Psalm 100*

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

The Psalms

At the end of the psalm or psalms, silence may be kept and a prayer may be said.

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

The Proclamation of the Word

Selected readings for the particular day can be found at: <https://lectionary.anglican.ca/>

The Readings

*The reading, or readings, as appointed are read, the reader first saying,
A reading from . . .*

After each reading the reader may say,

The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand or sit for a Gospel reading. The reader may say,

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to . . .

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then at the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The readings may be followed by silence, a canticle, a responsory, an anthem or other music, or a hymn. A combination of these responses may be appropriate. The psalm, as appointed, may follow the first reading.

Sermon

Offering Hymn

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed or Hear, O Israel may be said.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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 the following:

Hear, O Israel
Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,

with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*A deacon or lay member of the community may lead the intercessions and thanksgivings.
Intercession or thanksgiving may be offered for the Church the Queen and all in authority
the world the local community those in need the departed.*

The Collect

The Collect of the Day or a collect appropriate to the time of day may be said.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

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.

Dismissal

Then may be said or sung,

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, Alleluia is added to the dismissal and the people's response.

The officiant may conclude with one of the following:

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

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the God of peace enable us to do his will in every kind of
goodness, working in us what pleases him, through Jesus
Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine
on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour
and grant us peace. **Amen.**