

Morning Prayer in Early Ordinary Time 2026

Gathering: Opening Dialog & Psalm

O God, open my lips **and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,

that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God, **Now and forever, Amen.**

Venite : O Come

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us sing in praise!

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;

let us rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving

and raise our joyful praise to God with psalms.

For our God is a great God and a ruler great above all gods.

The depths of the earth are in Your hand

and the heights of the hills are Yours also.

The sea is the work of Your hands

and You alone have molded the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down,

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For ADONAI is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture,

and the sheep of God's hand.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us sing our praise!

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: We lift our hands to you, O God and pray you pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your dominion and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, who reigns in unity with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Other Psalms or responsive readings may be offered.

Word

READINGS FROM THE WORD AND/OR OTHER DEVOTIONAL WORKS ARE READ.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit;

serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. *Romans 12:9-20*

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? *Matthew 16:24-26*

Following the Psalms and readings there is a time of silence for reflection. The silence concludes:

Alleluia. I wait for you, O Lord; **in your word is my hope. Alleluia.** (Ps. 130:5)

The Canticle of Zachariah is read responsively.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; God has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our ancestors Sarah and Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

***You, my 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 the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

Prayer

In Christ is healing and life, wholeness and salvation: let us bring the needs of our lives, our neighbors and our community to God.

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for this day, and the power of Christ making all things new. Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .
for our new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .
for the gifts of relationship with others . . .
for the communion of faith in your church . . .
for all who work for justice and peace...

Other thanksgivings may be added.

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in our living Christ, the source of wholeness and salvation.

Especially we pray—

for those who are ill in body, mind or spirit. . .
for nations and countries suffering war, division, and oppression...
for those struggling in the economic crises...
for those suffering homelessness, want, or food insecurity. . .
for all laid off, without a fair and safe workplace,
all whose employment or business is at risk . . .
for all affected by fire, flood, famine or storm. . .
for those oppressed for their faith . . .
for all who grieve...

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

You are the source of Wisdom: As families, students, teachers and all staff prepare for a new school year bless all who put their hands and hearts to learning. Guide all who take on the responsibility of teaching or whose important work is supporting instruction and learning. Give confidence, curiosity and peace to new learners, to those entering a new school or new role. Make our schools places of peace, true justice, safety and joy. **Amen.**

Faithful God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus, your Son. Through the power of your Spirit you come to us and abide with us. We, your children, stand in awe of your boundless love. You have given us Jesus to be our way, truth and life. May we daily come to know him more fully, and follow Him as Savior and Lord. This we ask of you, our Creator, Redeemer, and life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Savior taught us, so we 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 glory,
forever and ever, Amen!**

Blessing & Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit guard and guide our days in peace.
Amen.