



Morning Prayer for Ordinary Time, Fall 2026

Opening Dialog & Psalm

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

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

that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

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.

Venite : O Come

The opening canticle, Psalm 95, is the 'Venite' from the Latin for 'O Come'. Martin Luther once called the Psalms a miniature Bible where we can find guidance, comfort, challenge and peace. This is the traditional Psalm of Morning Prayer, and may be followed by one or more additional Psalms and a prayer.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;

let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise our joyful praise to God with psalms.**

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

**In God's hand are all the depths of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is our God's for he made it,
and God's hands prepared the dry land.

**O come, let us worship and bend the knee,
and kneel before ADONAI our Maker.**

For God is our God,

**and we are the people of God's pasture,
and the sheep of his 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.

If more psalms or other responsive readings are offered they may also conclude with the 'Gloria' and prayer.

Word

Readings from the Word or from devotional works are offered. Each concludes with: 'The reading ends here'.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1:21-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:1-16

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

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in your sight, O Thou my God and my Redeemer. Amen.

Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia.

THE CANTICLE OF ZACHARIAH IS READ RESPONSIVELY.

The Canticle is a song of praise found in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:68–79). Zechariah is giving thanks, praising God after the birth and naming of his and Elizabeth's son who will become known as John the Baptist. Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, visits Elizabeth after she learns she will give birth to Jesus. Its traditional title is 'the Benedictus' the Latin word for 'Blessed'

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 God 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 ADONAI to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of our 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

We join our hearts in prayer for the needs of our hearts, for our community, creation and world

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

Silence for prayer follows each petition to offer our own prayers and thanksgivings

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 to bless, nourish and renew us...

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...

for all students, and all those who put their lives to work in the service of learning in any
and every way...

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 mourn, whether their grief be fresh or of long duration...

Other petitions for local needs and current events may be offered

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.**

Wisdom calls and equips leaders from among us. We give you thanks for those willing to lead in the work of the Gospel. We pray your Spirit upon presiding Bishop Yaheil, our Bishop Bryan and our Dean, William as they lead the work of the church. **Amen**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We join our hearts in the prayer our Savior taught 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 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. Alleluia, alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

May God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless our days and our deeds with peace. **Amen.**

We go about our day in the peace and presence of Christ