

Morning Prayer in Ordinary Time Gathering

DIALOG

O Lord, open my lips!

And my mouth shall declare your praise

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us

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. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Psalm 95

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his 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.

**In God's hand are all the depths of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are God's 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 bow down,
and kneel before the Lord 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.

A time of silent reflection follows each Psalm and Prayer. Then follows the Psalm Prayer:

Silence is kept.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all, to you be glory and praise for ever. You founded the earth in the beginning and the heavens are the work of your hands. As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us let the light of your love shine in our hearts, and by your Spirit daily renew and guide our lives. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Word

One or more selections from Scripture and or other devotional readings are offered. A time of silence follows each reading. The time of readings / meditation is concluded with:

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.

The Canticle of Zachariah is read responsively.

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

**Through your holy prophets,
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us,**

to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.

**This was the oath you swore to our ancestors Sarah and Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

And you, O child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

**to give God's 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.

Silence

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

Sovereign God, we thank you for your mercies, ever new.

Especially in the new day we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .
for the new life 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 the hope of resurrection life with those who rest in you...

Merciful God, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about
your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .
for the people in communities and countries ravaged by strife or warfare,
especially the people and nation of Ukraine...
for communities plagued by gun violence...
for all suffering in the wake of natural disaster and human sin...
for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .
for all who strive to care for the earth as good stewards of your creation . . .
for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

We go about our days in God's presence and peace.