

Morning Prayer Ordinary Time Winter 2023

Gathering

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of our Baptism.

O Lord, + open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your light springs up for the righteous
and all the peoples have seen your glory.

**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.**

The Venite : O Come

Psalm 95

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily 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 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 fall 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.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

Silence for reflection

The Word

Hearing the Word is followed by a time for reflection and meditation.

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and rise up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.” Isaiah 49

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. Matthew 4:12-33

Gospel Canticle: *The Benedictus, the Song of Zachariah is read responsively*

Blessed are you, Adonai, God of Israel;
you have come to your people and set us free.

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

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 in your sight, all the days of our lives.**

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 be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning and will be forever, world without end. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

We join in prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. A time of silence follows each petition for our own prayers. The prayers conclude with the Morning Collect and the Lord's Prayer.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

In the darkness before creation, you made all that lives and breathes.
You formed Jesus, bringer of light. In the darkness of our world your spirit sustains us.
O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.

In the stillness we pray for all who need God's presence in a special way—
people who cannot find work, who cannot pay their bills,
who have no place to live, people who are discouraged and hopeless,
people who have become cynical and bitter.
O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.

We live in this world in our bodies,
we rejoice in life and breath, yet when sickness or pain cripples us,
we lose our bearings, we feel lost and bewildered.
Be with those who are sick, especially those we name before you now....
O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.

Thank you for moments of inspiration, for moments of clear vision
to walk in your ways.
Give us courage to take the journey that you call us to,
and give us strength on the road.
O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.

Your presence sustains us, help us to go from worship this morning,
having seen your face, having done homage to your goodness,
**We are confident in the work you are doing
in us and through us, for your kingdom come,
on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

A brief silence for reflection and prayer

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.**

**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 the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Blessing and Benediction

Almighty and merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us. **Amen.**