



Morning Prayer for Ordinary Time, Fall 2024

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.

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Venite : O Come

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.

Let us pray: God our creator, you have given us work to do and call us to use our talents for the good of all. Guide us as we work, and teach us to live in the Spirit who made us your sons and daughters, in the love that made us sisters and brothers, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Word

READINGS

And Joshua said to all the people, “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Joshua 24:1-2

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

James 3:14-18

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

Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. 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.

The Cantic 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 the coming of this day. Especially we thank you—
for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .
for all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .
for those working to alleviate homelessness, food insecurity,
for those working for health and wholeness for all in need...
for the communion of faith in your church . . .

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 that:

You will lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things...

Your mercy will pour out like streams of living water...

You will satisfy those longing for peace and righteousness...

You will humble all who oppress your children and bring division to the nations...

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God of the nations, we bring our country before you in this election year. Make us mindful of our great responsibility as citizens of this country and your Kingdom as we move through this time of decision. **Amen.**

Hear us now in the words our Savior taught us:

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. 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 knowing the peace and presence of Christ