



Morning Prayer for Ordinary Time

November 2023

Opening Dialog & Psalm

O Lord, open our lips **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, come to our aid. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

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Venite : O Come

O come, let us sing to 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 the Lord 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 bow down and bend the knee,
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 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.

Let us pray.... *Silence.* Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under Christ's most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Word

READINGS

A reading from Thessalonians: ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. The reading ends here. (1 Thess. 5:4-11)

A reading from Matthew: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them... ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ” The reading ends here. (Matthew 25:14, 19-30)

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

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good:

Blessed is the one who takes refuge in God!

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

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.

The Cantic of Zachariah is read responsively.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; God has come to his people and set us free.

God has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through God's holy prophets he promised of old

That we would be saved from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

God 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, O child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his 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.

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Prayer

Christ is the source of life, bringing healing and life, wholeness and salvation. Let us lift the needs of our lives, our neighbors and our community to God.

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

O God, Source of Life, You open Your hands in blessing each day.
Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for 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 church to be renewed and reformed in every age...

for the saints whose lives witnessed to the love of Christ as they lived out your Gospel...

for our beloved saints who now rest in you...

Other thanksgivings may be added.

Wellspring of mercy, 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 those suffering homelessness, want, or food insecurity. . .
for all laid off, without a fair and safe workplace, whose livelihood is at risk . . .
for all affected by fire, flood, famine or storm...
for those oppressed for their faith . . .
for newly elected municipal officials, legislators, and local leaders...
for shalom to come to the children of Sarah and Hagar...

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Together we pray Luther's Morning Prayer

We thank You, heavenly Father through Jesus Christ Your dear Son that You have kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray that You would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands we commend all that we are, body and soul. Let Your holy angels be with us, that the evil one have no power over us. 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. 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 God's presence and peace.