

# Morning Prayer on Sunday

## Preparation

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In the name of the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

O Lord open our lips  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

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.**

## Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore to us the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Absolution

**The Venite (*Psalm 95*)**

1. O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God; we are the people of his 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 shall be for ever.  
Amen.

**The appointed psalm for the day**

**The appointed reading/s for the day**

## **The Benedictus** (*The Song of Zechariah*)

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most  
High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 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 shall be for ever. Amen.

## Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the  
dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers:** *The following response may be used*  
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

### The Collect of the day

#### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray...

**Our Father in heaven....**

*or*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father who art in heaven**

### The Conclusion

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The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil  
and keep us in eternal life.

**Amen**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God**