

Service of Morning Prayer

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God. 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 us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

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

As we were 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.

Psalm

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.

First Reading

A Song of David

Splendour and majesty are yours, O God; you are exalted as head over all.

¹ Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

² Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.

³ Riches and honour come from you and you rule over all.

⁴ In your hand are power and might; yours it is to give power and strength to all.

⁵ And now we give you thanks, our God, and praise your glorious name.

⁶ For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

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.

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Second Reading

The Benedictus

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.

Reflection

The Creed

**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 of Intercession

The Collect

The Lord's Prayer

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.