

The Daily Office: Morning and Evening Prayer
According to the Book of Common Prayer, 1979
(see pages 75 – 102; 115 – 126 for more options and information)

Greeting:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution (*adapted for lay officiant*)

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Leader Lord, open our lips.

Response And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Together Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.
(omit Alleluia in Lent)

Venite (Morning, *Psalms 95:1-7*)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

O Gracious Light (Evening, *Phos hilaron*)

O gracious light, pure brightness
of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times
to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Psalm appointed for the day

See the Daily Office Lectionary, pages 934 – 1001; Year Two is for Even years (until Advent)

The first psalm(s) is for the morning, the second psalm(s), after the ❖, is for the evening.

The Psalm ends with the Gloria:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Readings appointed for the day

See the Daily Office Lectionary, pages 934 – 1001; Year Two is for even years (until Advent)

Two readings are read, usually the Old Testament Reading and the New Testament Epistle Reading.

The Daily Office Lectionary also provides a Gospel Reading as an option or addition.

After each reading, a canticle is read or sung, such as those below. See others p. 85 – 96.

The Song of Mary Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

*my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; **

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

*From this day all generations will call me blessed: **

the Almighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his Name.

*He has mercy on those who fear him **

in every generation.

*He has shown the strength of his arm, **

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

*He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, **

and has lifted up the lowly.

*He has filled the hungry with good things, **

and the rich he has sent away empty.

*He has come to the help of his servant Israel, **

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

*The promise he made to our fathers, **

to Abraham and his children for ever.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Song of Simeon Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29-32)

*Lord, you now have set your servant free **

to go in peace as you have promised;

*For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, **

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

*A Light to enlighten the nations, **

and the glory of your people Israel.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us 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 the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader Show us your mercy, O Lord;
Response **And grant us your salvation.**
Leader Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Response **Let your people sing with joy.**
Leader Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
Response **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Leader Lord, keep this nation under your care;
Response **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Leader Let your way be known upon earth;
Response **Your saving health among all nations.**
Leader Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Response **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Leader Create in us clean hearts, O God;
Response **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collects (see more on pages 98 – 101; 122 - 125)

A Collect for Grace (mornings)

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, 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 by adversity;
and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Mission (evenings)

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge
over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying,
soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and
govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you,
but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone
might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we,
reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of
you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings are offered...

The General Thanksgiving (together)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your
goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation,
preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the
redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show
forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by
walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication
to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered
together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as
may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life
everlasting. Amen.

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

Response Thanks be to God.