

# The Order for Morning Prayer

for  
Sundays in Lent

*¶ Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer*

## Opening Sentences

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## Confession of Sin

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*¶ Officiant and People, all kneeling*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
And there is no health in us.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*¶ The Officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution  and remission of all your sins,  
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

*¶ People Amen.*

*¶ All stand*

# The Invitatory and Psalter

‡ *All remain standing*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*All* 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.

‡ *All say the Venite together, as follows*

*Antiphon*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

*Antiphon*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
O come, let us adore him.

*¶ All are then seated for the Psalm(s) appointed for the day*

## The Psalmody

*¶ The Psalm(s) are read antiphonally by whole verse*

*¶ At the conclusion of the Psalmody the Gloria Patri is said by all*

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 Lessons

### The First Lesson

*¶ Following the Lesson, all remain seated for the Canticle*

#### Canticle

*Ecce, Deus*

ISAIAH 12:2-6

Behold, God is my salvation; \*  
I will trust, and not be afraid.  
For the Lord God is my strength and my song, \*  
he also is become my salvation.  
Therefore with joy ye shall draw water \*  
out of the wells of salvation.  
And in that day shall ye say, \*  
Praise the Lord, call upon his Name;  
Declare his doings among the people; \*  
make mention that his Name is exalted.  
Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things, \*  
this is known in all the earth.  
Cry out and shout, thou inhabitants of Zion: \*  
for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.  
  
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.

*¶ All are seated*

## The Second Lesson

*¶ Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

Canticle      *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

LUKE 1:68-79

✠ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*  
in the house of his servant David,  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*  
which have been since the world began:  
That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
and from the hand of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \*  
that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord  
to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
for the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God, \*  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness  
and in 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 for ever. Amen.

*¶ All remain standing for the Apostles' Creed*

## The Apostles' Creed

*¶ Said by the Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, †  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*¶ The Officiant and People say the following*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*¶ Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is said by all, kneeling*

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.  
Amen.

*¶ Then follow these Suffrages, said by the Officiant and People*

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*People* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*People* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* For only in thee can we live in safety.

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

*People* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Officiant* Let thy way be known upon earth;

*People* Thy saving health among all nations.

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

## The Collects

*¶ The Collect of the Day and two additional Collects are said*

## The General Thanksgiving

*¶ Said by the Officiant and People together*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,

and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

¶ *Said by the Officiant*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. ¶ *People Amen.*

## Benedicamus Domino

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Grace

¶ *Officiant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. ¶ *People Amen.*

## Sermon

## Closing Prayers

¶ *All kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

¶ *Then additional Prayers and Intercessions are offered*

¶ *At the conclusion of the Intercessions, the following is said*

## The Supplication

*Officiant* O Lord, arise, help us;

*People* And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

*Officiant* O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us,  
the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

*People* O Lord, arise, help us;  
and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

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

*People* O Lord, arise, help us;  
and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

*Officiant* From our enemies defend us, O Christ;  
*People* Graciously behold our afflictions.

*Officiant* With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;  
*People* Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

*Officiant* Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;  
*People* O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant* Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;  
*People* Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

## The Blessing ✠

¶ *Following the Blessing the Ministers depart*