

AN ORDER FOR
MORNING PRAYER AND EVENING PRAYER
FOR USE ON SUNDAY

EPIPHANY

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

Stand

The minister greets the people

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

or

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

or, from Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost

Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The minister introduces the service with these or other suitable words

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

O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the Lord.
All praise to his name.

The minister continues

Morning

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, king of the nations,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.

As the sun of righteousness dawns in our hearts
anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit
that we may witness to your gospel
and sing your praise in all the earth.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Evening

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You gave your Christ as a light to the nations,
and through the anointing of the Spirit
you established us as a royal priesthood.

As you call us into your marvellous light,
may our lives bear witness to your truth
and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Baptism of Christ

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.

May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessed be God for ever.

A hymn may be sung.

PENITENCE

The prayers of penitence may take place after the Sermon during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Penitential Kyries are provided on page 226 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Confession is introduced with these words

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

The Baptism of Christ

Because God was merciful,
he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit. *Titus 3: 5*

Let us turn to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises
by confessing our sins in penitence.

**O God, our loving Father in heaven,
we confess that we have sinned against you;
we have broken your commandments;
we have often been selfish,
and we have not loved you as we should.
For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Or this form may be used

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

The priest pronounces the absolution

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

*If no priest is present the absolution is omitted
and the following prayer may be said*

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The minister says

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path. *c.f. Psalm 119:105*

O Lord, your word is everlasting:
it stands firm for ever in the heavens. *c.f. Psalm 119:89*

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.
so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

The reader says

A reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

One or more of the appointed psalms is sung, ending with

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, ■

and | to the | Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be|ginning, is | now ■

and shall be for | ever. | A|men.

THE SECOND READING

The reader says

A reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CANTICLE

THE THIRD READING

If three readings are used this is always a Gospel Reading.

The reader says

A reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CANTICLE

if the third reading is used.

A COLLECT OF THE WORD

may be said here or following the Sermon.

THE SERMON

Penitence may take place at this point during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

A hymn may be sung.

The Response to God's Word

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.

This affirmation or a scriptural affirmation of faith may be used instead of the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed mankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**we believe and trust in One God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Prayers of the People

Either of the following, or other seasonally appropriate prayers and intercessions, may be used.

Let us worship the Saviour with joy
and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

The magi came from the east to worship your Son:
Father, grant to Christians everywhere
the spirit of adoration ...
Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh:
Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds
[*at the beginning of this year*] ...
Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

The kingdoms of this world have become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ:
Father, grant an abundance of peace to your world ...
Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death:
Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless,
and all who suffer ...
Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth:
Father, protect in your love our neighbours,
our families and this community of which we are part ...
Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship
with the shepherds, the angels, the magi,
the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed.
In your unfailing love for us and for all people,
hear and answer our prayers through your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

or

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor,
sight to the blind,
freedom to the captives
and salvation to your people:
anoint us with your Spirit;
rouse us to work in his name.
Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor
and freedom to the oppressed.
Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to tell the world
the good news of your healing love.
Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn,
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.
Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here
for you to save your people.
Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Father, use us, unworthy as we are,
to bring in your kingdom of mercy, justice, love and peace.
Empower us by your Spirit and unite us in your Son,
that all our joy and delight may be to serve you, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Baptism of Christ

Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Washed clean by the waters of baptism,
let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us.

Lord Jesus, eternal Word,
proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner,
hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire,
strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our faith ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent,
teach your Church dependence on your grace ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old,
give hope to all who suffer or are ignored ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father,
anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope,
share with all the faithful the riches of eternal life ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory. **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

or

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we are bold to 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, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

If the Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer are used at this point in the service, they are not used during the Dismissal.

A hymn may be sung during which the collection may be received.

Going Out as God's People

A THANKSGIVING

The minister says

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

For the love of our Father,
the maker of all, the giver of all good things,
let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lived and worked among us,
let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For his suffering and death on the cross
and his resurrection to new life,
let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For his rule over all things
and his presence in the world,
let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,
who teaches us and guides us,
let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church
and the life of the world,
let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

or

The minister says

Blessed are you, Holy God,
creator, redeemer and life-giver;
you have spoken the world into being
and filled it with wonder and beauty.

For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
for people of every language and culture
and for the rich variety you give to life.

For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
for Jesus Christ our Saviour,
truly divine and truly human,
living and dying for us,
and going before us into heaven.

For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God,
for your Spirit, the fire of love burning in our hearts,
bringing us to faith, and calling us to holiness
in the Church and in the world.

For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us say together:

**Be with us Lord,
as we go out into the world.
May the lips that have sung your praise
always speak the truth;
may the ears which have heard your Word
listen only to what is good
and may our lives as well as our worship
be always pleasing in your sight,
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

or

**We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.**

The Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer are said if not used previously.

The Blessing

A priest blesses the people with these or other suitable words

Christ the Son be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world:
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

*If no priest is present the Blessing is omitted
and the following prayer may be said*

The almighty and merciful Lord,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us.
Amen.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Copyright © Representative Body of the Church of Ireland

