AN ORDER FOR
MORNING PRAYER
DAILY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The Gathering of God’s People

Stand
The Greeting is said.
The Lord be with you
and also with you.

On Easter Day
Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Luke 24: 34

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

A sentence of scripture may be read from those provided on pages 78-82.

A hymn may be sung.

The minister may introduce the service in these or other suitable words:
Beloved in Christ,
we come together to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God’s forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

The minister says
Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Kneel. Silence is kept.
Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest pronounces the absolution.
Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If no priest is present the absolution is omitted and the following prayer may be said:
Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Stand

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

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord’s name be praised.

FIRST CANTICLE

VENITE Psalm 95: 1-7 or 1-11

1 O come let us sing out to the Lord;
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving
and cry out to him joyfully in 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 peaks of the mountains are his also.

5† The sea is his and he made it,
his hands moulded dry land.

6 Come let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

8 Today if only you would hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as you did in the wilderness;

9 When your forebears tested me
put me to the proof though they had seen my works.
10 Forty years long I loathed that gene\ration and said,
   It is a people who err in their hearts,
   for they do not know my ways;
11 Of whom I swore in my wrath,
   They shall not enter my rest.
   Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
   and to the Holy Spirit;
   as it was in the begin\ning, is now,
   and shall be for ever. A\men.

or

JUBILATE Psalm 100
1 O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth;
   serve the Lord with gladness
   and come before his face with songs of joy.
2 Know that the Lord he is God;
   it is he who has made us and we are his
   we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving
   and into his courts with praise;
   give thanks to him and bless his holy name.
4 For the Lord is good
   his loving mercy is for ever,
   his faithfulness through out all genera\tions.
   Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
   and to the Holy Spirit;
   as it was in the begin\ning, is now,
   and shall be for ever. A\men.

or

In Eastertide THE EASTER ANTHEMS
1 Corinthians 5: 7,8 Romans 6: 9-11 1 Corinthians 15: 20-22
1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us,
   therefore let us celebrate the feast,
2 Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness,
   but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
3 Christ, once raised from the dead | dies no | more; ■
   death has no | more dominion | over him.
4 In dying, he died to sin | once for | all; ■
   in | living, · he | lives to | God.
5 See yourselves therefore as | dead to | sin; ■
   and alive to God in | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.
6 Christ has been | raised · from the | dead: ■
   the | firstfruits · of | those who | sleep.
7 For as by | man came | death, ■
   by man has come also the resurrection | of the | dead.
8 For as in | Adam · all | die, ■
   even so in Christ shall | all be | made alive.
   • 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.

These and other canticles may be used in other versions and forms e.g. from the Church Hymnal.

FIRST READING

The reader may say
A reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

After the reading silence may be kept.

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 beginning, is | now, ■
and shall be for | ever. | Amen.

SECOND READING

The reader may say
A reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...
After the reading silence may be kept.
If the service is not the Principal Service of the day only two readings are used.

SECOND CANTICLE

TE DEUM in full, or part 1, or part 2, or both these parts

Part 1
1 We praise you, O God,
   we acclaim you as the Lord;
   all creation worships you,
   the Father everlasting.
2 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
3 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
4 The glorious company of apostles praise you;
   the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
5 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you;
   throughout the world, the holy Church claims you:
6 Father, of majesty unbounded,
   your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
   the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Part 2
7 You, Christ, are the King of glory,
   the eternal Son of the Father.
8 When you took our flesh to set us free,
   you humbly chose the Virgin’s womb.
9 You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
10 You are seated at God’s right hand in glory:
   we believe that you will come to be our judge.
11 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
   bought with the price of your own blood,
12 and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.
Part 3

13 Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance:
govern and uphold them now and always.

14 Day by day we bless you: we praise your name for ever.

15 Keep us today, Lord, from all sin: have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

16 Lord, show us your love and mercy, for we put our trust in you.

17 In you, Lord, is our hope; let us never be put to shame.

or

any of the Canticles (pages 117-135) except BENEDICTUS

Third Reading
from the Gospels

The reader may say
A reading from the Gospel according to ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...
After the reading silence may be kept.

Third Canticle

BENEDICTUS  The Song of Zechariah  Luke 1: 68-79

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.

2 The Lord has raised up for us a mighty saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through the holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of those who hate us,

4 to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hand of our enemies.

6 Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous before him 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.

or any of the New Testament Canticles on pages 117-135

The Sermon may be preached here or at some other place in the service.

A hymn may be sung.
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.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

Kneel
Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

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.

The versicles and responses may be said.
Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

N.I. [O Lord, save the Queen
and grant her government wisdom.]
R.I. [O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
and grant our government wisdom.]

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.
O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.
Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.
O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.
The Collects

The Collect of the day is said and one or more of these collects:

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your protection, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God, we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day: Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, and in all things guide us to know and do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being; We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life, we may never forget your presence but may remember that we are always walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.
Prayers and thanksgivings, or a litany, may be said.
A hymn may be sung.
The prayers may end with one of the following or an appropriate blessing:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

To God, who by the power at work within us,
is able to do far more abundantly
than all we ask or think,
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20

To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope. Amen. Romans 15:13

Morning Prayer Two