

BILL NO. 1

Explanatory Memorandum

In 2017, the General Synod approved, by the requisite majorities, a resolution granting leave for the introduction of this Bill and accompanying Schedule in 2018.

The Bill provides for the inclusion in *The Book of Common Prayer* (2004; rev. ed. 2005) of An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for use on Sunday as set out in the schedule to the Bill.

The Liturgical Advisory Committee became aware of widespread feeling in the Church that Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer in their traditional forms, designed to be daily offices rather than principal Sunday services, do not always make for meaningful Sunday worship.

One of the key principles behind the format of this service is to echo some of the already familiar patterns embedded in the principal services in the *Book of Common Prayer*. There is therefore a clearly defined structure to the service under the headings of The Gathering of God's People, Proclaiming and Receiving the Word, The Response to God's Word, The Prayers of the People, and Going Out as God's People.

VERY REV NIGEL DUNNE
THE BISHOP OF DOWN AND DROMORE

BILL

(at the request of the General Synod)

To include An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays in *The Book of Common Prayer*

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend *The Book of Common Prayer* (2004; rev. ed. 2005), by including therein An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays as set out in the schedule to this Bill;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2018 and by the authority of the same as follows:

That An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays as set out in the Schedule be included in *The Book of Common Prayer* (2004; rev. ed. 2005).

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

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 may introduce 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.

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

The Ordering of the Service

1. SEASONALLY APPROPRIATE MATERIAL

Seasonally appropriate material approved by the House of Bishops and published by the Liturgical Advisory Committee may be used for the Greeting, Penitence and The Prayers of the People.

2. THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Announcements should be made before the service begins. An opening hymn or song may be sung before The Greeting.

3. PENITENCE

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

4. PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

At least two of the readings and the psalm for the principal service of the day from the Revised Common Lectionary are used. The first reading should normally be from the Old Testament unless the Revised Common Lectionary provides otherwise.

Where two readings are used the second reading is the Gospel reading of the day.

Where three readings are used, the third reading is the Gospel reading of the day.

5. A Collect of the Word is used at the end of the readings or after the Sermon. These collects are available in the worship resources section of the Church of Ireland website.

6. THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

If the Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer are not used at the end of the Prayers of the People they are used before the Dismissal.

This or another seasonally appropriate prayer is used:

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Creator of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You founded the earth in the beginning
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
In the fulness of time, you made us in your image,
and in these last days you have spoken to us
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
your Spirit ever renew our lives
and your praises ever be on our lips.

The prayer ends with these words:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

A hymn may be sung.

8

PENITENCE

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

*The Confession is introduced either with the following or other seasonally
appropriate words:*

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth us not in
us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1: 8,9*

Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.

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
cleans 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. **cf Psalm 119.105**

O Lord, your word is everlasting:
it stands firm for ever in the heavens. **cf 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
from the Old Testament is read.

The Reader may say

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 OR PSALMS

One or more of the appointed Psalms is sung.

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

THE SECOND READING

from the New Testament

If only two readings are used this is always a Gospel Reading.

The Reader may say

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 may say

A Reading from the Gospel according to ... 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

Maybe said here or following THE SERMON

THE SERMON

*THE 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.

Almighty and everliving God,
we ask you to hear the prayers we offer in faith.

For the peace that comes from God alone,
for the unity of all peoples,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the Church of Christ,
for N our Bishop, [for ...]
and for the whole people of God,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the nations of the world,
[for ...]
for our government and all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city (or town or village or community),
[for ...]
for our neighbours and our friends,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us,
and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm,
for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and suffering,
[for ...] and for all in any need,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed,
for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives,
and for all who remember and care for them,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ...

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying,
for those who mourn [the death of ...],
for the faithful whom we entrust to the Lord in hope,
as we look forward to the day
when we share the fullness of the resurrection,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints,
let us commend ourselves,
and one another, and all our life, to God.

Silence is kept.

For yours is the majesty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

or

Let us bring before God
our prayers of intercession and commitment:
Blessed are you, eternal God,
to be praised and glorified for ever.

Hear us as we pray for your holy Church throughout the world:
make us all one, that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church
may truly and humbly serve you:
that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:
give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority
in the nations of the world:

guide them in the ways of justice and peace.

Make us alive to the needs of our community:
help us to share each other's joys and burdens.

Look with kindness on our homes and families:
grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Deepen our compassion
for all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble:
in your presence may they find their strength.

We remember those who have died:
Father, into your hands we entrust them.

We praise you for all your saints
who have entered your eternal glory:
bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear our prayer, Lord God
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
Is said

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, it is 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.

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

The Dismissal

THE BLESSING

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Is said

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We go into the world

to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.

A priest blesses the people with these or other suitable words:

The God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
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.

From Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost

We go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!