

# MORNING PRAYER

Sunday 16 August 2020

*The service of **Morning Prayer** has its roots in the daily pattern of prayer and worship in monastic communities. The liturgy draws richly on the scriptures: both in the appointed psalms and readings, and also in other songs (canticles) and responses. Today's pew sheet (see [www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets](http://www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets)) contains a third reading, set for today but not included in this service.*

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Psalm 118.24*

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

## *The Opening Canticle, A Song of Triumph (Venite)*

O come, let us sing out to the Lord:  
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:  
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God:  
and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth:  
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his and he made it:  
his hands moulded dry land.  
Come, let us worship and bow down:  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.  
For he is the Lord our God:  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Today if only you would hear his voice:  
'Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness;  
'When your forebears tested me:  
put me to proof though they had seen my works.  
'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:  
'It is a people who err in their hearts,  
for they do not know my ways";  
'Of whom I swore in my wrath:  
'They shall not enter my rest.'"

*Psalm 95*

## *The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *Confession*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

## *Psalm*

Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families  
live together in unity.  
It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down  
over the beard: fragrant as oil upon the beard of  
Aaron, that ran down over the collar of his robe.  
It is like a dew of Hermon: like the dew that falls  
upon the hill of Zion.  
For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:  
which is life for evermore.

(133)

Grant to your people, good Lord,  
the spirit of unity,  
that they may dwell together in your love,  
and so bear to the world  
the ointment of your healing and the  
dew of your blessing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Reading from the First Testament (Hebrew Bible)*

A reading from the book Genesis.

Joseph could no longer control himself in front of all his attendants, so he declared, "Everyone, leave now!" So no one stayed with him when he revealed his identity to his brothers. He wept so loudly that the Egyptians and Pharaoh's household heard him. Joseph said to his brothers, "I'm Joseph! Is my father really still alive?" His brothers couldn't respond because they were terrified before him.

Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me," and they moved closer. He said, "I'm your brother Joseph! The one you sold to Egypt. Now, don't be upset and don't be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. Actually, God sent me before you to save lives. We've already had two years of famine in the land, and there are five years left without planting or harvesting. God sent me before you to make sure you'd survive and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. You didn't send me here; it was God who made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt.

"Hurry! Go back to your father. Tell him this is what your son Joseph says: 'God has made me master of all of Egypt. Come down to me. Don't delay. You may live in the land of Goshen, so you will be near me, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and everyone with you. I will support you there, so you, your household, and everyone with you won't starve, since the famine will still last five years.' You and my brother Benjamin have seen with your own eyes that I'm speaking to you. Tell my father about my power in Egypt and about everything you've seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder. He kissed all of his brothers and wept, embracing them. After that, his brothers were finally able to talk to him.

(45.1-15; CEB)

Here ends the first reading.

*Reading from the New Testament*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

From there, Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, "Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession." But he didn't respond to her at all.

His disciples came and urged him, "Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us."

Jesus replied, "I've been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel."

But she knelt before him and said, "Lord, help me."

He replied, "It is not good to take the children's bread and toss it to dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters' table."

Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish." And right then her daughter was healed.

(15.21-28; CEB)

Here ends the second reading.

*The readings are followed by a short period of silence for reflection, then the response*

May your word live in us

**and bear much fruit to your glory.**



### *The Canticle, The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:  
who has come to his people and set them free.  
The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of  
all who hate us,  
To show mercy to our forebears:  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear:  
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our  
life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the  
Most High:  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation:  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God:  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death:  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68–79*

### *Sermon*

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### *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 from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come 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*

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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### *The Collect of the Day*

God of freedom,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that all people may know the glorious liberty  
of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *Intercessions and Thanksgivings.*

### *The Morning Collect*

Eternal God and Father,  
by whose power we are created  
and by whose love we are redeemed;  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live this day in love to one another and to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us praise the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of the 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*

*Material in this service is taken from A Prayer Book for Australia  
(1995), Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005).*