

# MORNING PRAYER

Sunday 18 October 2020  
St Luke, evangelist and martyr

*Welcome to this service of Morning Prayer, and thank you for joining us whether from near or far. Please add your voice and your prayers as we worship God together.*

*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 God's Marvellous Acts*

I will sing a new hymn to my God:  
O Lord you are great and marvellous,  
you are marvellous in your strength, invincible.  
Let the whole creation serve you:  
for you spoke and all things came to be;  
You sent out your Spirit and it formed them:  
no one can resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths:  
rocks melt like wax at your presence;  
But to those who revere you:  
you still show mercy.

*Judith 16.13-15*

## *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*

All creation praises you, O Lord: and your faithful  
servants bless your name.  
They speak of the glory of your kingdom: and tell of  
your great might,  
That the whole earth may know your mighty acts:  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and your  
dominion endures through all generations.  
The Lord upholds all those who stumble: and raises  
up those that are bowed down.  
The eyes of all look to you in hope: and you give  
them their food in due season;

You open wide your hand: and fill all things living  
with your bounteous gift.  
The Lord is just in all his ways: and faithful in all his  
dealings.  
The Lord is near to all who call upon him: to all who  
call upon him in truth.

(145.10-18)

King of the universe,  
you show the bright glory of your reign  
in acts of mercy and enduring love;  
raise the spirits of the downcast  
and restore those who have fallen away,  
that we may sing for ever of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *Reading from the First Testament (Hebrew Bible)*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Is there no balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?  
Why then have my people  
not been restored to health?  
If only my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
I would weep day and night  
for the wounds of my people.  
If only I could flee for shelter in the desert,  
to leave my people  
and forget them—  
for they are all adulterers,  
a bunch of crooks.  
They bend their tongues like bows  
to spew out lies;  
they are renowned in the land,  
but not for truth.  
They go from bad to worse.  
They don't know me!  
declares the LORD.

(8.22-9.3; CEB)

Here ends the first reading.

### *Reading from the New Testament*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. Go! Be warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.' If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house. Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.'"

(10.1-9; 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, Te Deum Laudamus*

We praise you, O God: we acclaim you as Lord.  
All creation worships you: the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven: the  
cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you: The  
noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you:  
Throughout the world, the holy Church acclaims  
you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded: your true and only  
Son, worthy of all praise, the Holy Spirit, advocate  
and guide.  
You, Christ, are the King of glory: the eternal Son of  
the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free: you humbly  
chose the virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death: and opened the  
kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory: We  
believe that you will come to be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with  
the price of your own blood: and bring us with  
your saints to glory everlasting.

### *Sermon*

#### *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*

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the  
physician to set forth in his gospel the love and  
healing power of your Son: graciously continue in  
your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise  
and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of  
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*