

# MORNING PRAYER

Sunday 6 June 2021  
Second Sunday after Pentecost

*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 Cantic, A Song of Isaiah*

'Behold, God is my salvation:  
I will trust and will not be afraid;  
'For the Lord God is my strength and my song:  
and has become my salvation.'  
With joy you will draw water:  
from the wells of salvation.  
On that day you will say:  
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;  
'Make known his deeds among the nations:  
proclaim that his name is exalted.  
'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:  
let this be known in all the world.  
'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

*Isaiah 12.2-6*

## *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*

I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:  
even before the gods will I sing your praises.  
I will bow down toward your holy temple and give  
thanks to your name: because of your faithfulness  
and your loving-kindness, for you have made your  
name and your word supreme over all things.  
At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:  
and put new strength within my soul.  
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:  
for they have heard the words of your mouth;  
And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord: that the  
glory of the Lord is great.  
For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the  
lowly: and he comprehends the proud from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you  
preserve my life: you will stretch out your hand

against the fury of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will complete his purpose for me: your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; do not forsake the work of your own hands.

(138)

Lord our God, supreme over all things, look upon the humble and lowly and put new strength into our souls to complete your purpose for us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

A reading from the first book of Samuel

So all the Israelite elders got together and went to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, "Listen. You are old now, and your sons don't follow in your footsteps. So appoint us a king to judge us like all the other nations have." It seemed very bad to Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us," so he prayed to the LORD.

The LORD answered Samuel, "Comply with the people's request—everything they ask of you—because they haven't rejected you. No, they've rejected me as king over them. They are doing to you only what they've been doing to me from the day I brought them out of Egypt to this very minute, abandoning me and worshipping other gods. So comply with their request, but give them a clear warning, telling them how the king will rule over them."

Then Samuel explained everything the LORD had said to the people who were asking for a king. "This is how the king will rule over you," Samuel said:

"He will take your sons, and will use them for his chariots and his cavalry and as runners for his chariot. He will use them as his commanders of troops of one thousand and troops of fifty, or to do his ploughing and his harvesting, or to make his weapons or parts for his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, or bakers. He will take your best fields, vineyards, and olive groves and give them to his servants. He will give one-tenth of your grain and your vineyards to his officials and servants. He will take your male and female servants, along with the best of your cattle and donkeys, and make them do his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and then you yourselves will become his slaves! When that day comes, you will cry out because of the king you chose for yourselves, but on that day the LORD won't answer you."

But the people refused to listen to Samuel and said, "No! There must be a king over us so we can be like all the other nations. Our king will judge us and lead us and fight our battles."

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"Let's go to Gilgal," Samuel told the people, "and renew the monarchy there." So everyone went to Gilgal, and there at Gilgal they made Saul king in the LORD's presence. They offered well-being sacrifices in the LORD's presence, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration there.

(8.4-20; 11.14-15; CEB)

Here ends the first reading.

### *Reading from the New Testament*

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Jesus entered a house. A crowd gathered again so that it was impossible for him and his followers even to eat. When his family heard what was happening, they came to take control of him. They were saying, "He's out of his mind!"

The legal experts came down from Jerusalem. Over and over they charged, "He's possessed by Beelzebul. He throws out demons with the authority of the ruler of demons."

When Jesus called them together he spoke to them in a parable: "How can Satan throw Satan out? A kingdom involved in civil war will collapse. And a house torn apart by divisions will collapse. If Satan rebels against himself and is divided, then he can't endure. He's done for. No one gets into the house of a strong person and steals anything without first tying up the strong person. Only then can the house be burgled. I assure you that human beings will be forgiven for everything, for all sins and insults of every kind. But whoever insults the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. That person is guilty of a sin with consequences that last forever." He said this because the legal experts were saying, "He's possessed by an evil spirit."

His mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent word to him, calling for him. A crowd was seated around him, and those sent to him said, "Look, your mother, brothers, and sisters are outside looking for you."

He replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" Looking around at those seated around him in a circle, he said, "Look, here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does God's will is my brother, sister, and mother.

(3.20-35; 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*

#### *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,  
give us such a vision of your purpose,  
and such an assurance of your love and power,  
that we may ever hold fast the hope  
which is in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and 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*