

MORNING PRAYER

Sunday 19 September 2021
Seventeenth 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) 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 Canticle, A Song of God's Grace

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ: for you have blessed us in Christ
Jesus with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly
places.

You chose us to be yours in Christ before the
foundation of the world: that we should be holy
and blameless before you.

In love you destined us to be your children, through
Jesus Christ: according to the purpose of your will,
To the praise of your glorious grace: which you
freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.'

Ephesians 1.3-6

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

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel
of the ungodly: nor followed the way of sinners,
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.
But their delight is in the law of the Lord: and on that
law will they ponder day and night.
They are like trees planted beside streams of water:
that yield their fruit in due season.
Their leaves also shall not wither: and look, whatever
they do, it shall prosper.
As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: they are
like the chaff which the wind scatters.

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

Loving Father, whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant
of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his
life and died for us, and yet lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

concluding with the Parish Prayer:

**Creator Spirit, God beyond our knowing,
your love has been poured into our hearts.
Renew our trust in you,
and shape our lives to the call of Jesus,
our crucified and risen Lord.
Make us a people of blessing and hope,
so that neighbours and strangers may be drawn
to the compassion of Christ. Amen.**

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).*