

MORNING PRAYER

Sunday 10 October 2021
Twentieth 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 Cantic, A Song of God's Grace

We have complete freedom: to go into the most holy place by means of the death of Jesus.
He opened for us a new way, a living way: through the curtain, through his own body.
Since we have a great high priest set over the household of God: let us draw near with a sincere heart and a sure faith,
With hearts that have been made clean from a guilty conscience: and bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10.19-22

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

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me: why are you so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning?
My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer: and by night also I take no rest.
But you continue holy: you that are the praise of Israel.
In you our forebears trusted: they trusted, and you delivered them;
To you they cried and they were saved: they put their trust in you and were not confounded.
But as for me, I am a worm and no man: the scorn of all and despised by the people.
Those that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips at me and wag their heads, saying, 'He trusted in the Lord—let him deliver him: let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'
But you are he that took me out of the womb: that brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.

On you have I been cast since my birth: you are my God, even from my mother's womb.
 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to help.
 Many oxen surround me: fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.
 They gape wide their mouths at me: like lions that roar and rend.
 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart within my breast is like melting wax.
 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd: and my tongue clings to my gums.

(22.1-15)

Merciful God, your Son came to free us from sin, overcoming death and rising in triumph: may we, who are redeemed by his blood, be made ready to meet you face to face; this we ask for Jesus' sake.
Amen.

Reading from the First Testament (Hebrew Bible)

A reading from the book of Job

Job answered:
 Today my complaint is again bitter;
 my strength is weighed down because of my groaning.
 Oh, that I could know how to find him—
 come to his dwelling place;
 I would lay out my case before him,
 fill my mouth with arguments,
 know the words with which he would answer,
 understand what he would say to me.
 Would he contend with me through brute force?
 No, he would surely listen to me.
 There those who do the right thing can argue with him;
 I could escape from my judge forever.
 Look, I go east; he's not there,
 west, and don't discover him;
 north in his activity, and I don't grasp him;
 he turns south, and I don't see.
 [...]
 God has weakened my mind;
 the Almighty has frightened me.
 Still I'm not annihilated by darkness;
 he has hidden deep darkness from me.

(23.1-9, 16-17; CEB)

Here ends the first reading.

Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. You know the commandments: *Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Don't cheat. Honour your father and mother.*"

"Teacher," he responded, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, "It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom!" His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, "Children, it's difficult to enter God's kingdom! It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom." They were shocked even more and said to each other, "Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them carefully and said, "It's impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God."

Peter said to him, "Look, we've left everything and followed you."

Jesus said, "I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first."

(10.17-31; 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

Nils von Kalm (Anglican Overseas Aid)

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, in your wisdom you have so ordered
our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by
sight: give us such trust in your fatherly care that in the
face of all perplexities we may give proof of our faith
by the courage of our lives; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **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).*