Morning Prayer

on Sunday



Lowert

Welcome

Please stand.

Opening Hymn

Preparation

- M Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
- All and also with you

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help

All and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

Please kneel or sit.

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

The Confession

Jesus says, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

A short time of reflection may be kept.

All Lord God,

we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

M May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed is the Lord,

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer; therefore our hearts shall dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God.

The Minister says the following prayer of thanksgiving

M Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator and Redeemer of all; to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world and in your great love fashioned us in your image.
Now, through the deep waters of death, you have brought your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph.
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Please stand.

Second Hymn

The Word of God

Please sit.

Psalm

The psalm appointed for the day is sung or said as directed by the minister.

The psalm ends with

All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

The reader may say

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

The reading may be followed by a time of silent reflection.

Please stand.

Jubilate: A song of Joy (Psalm 100)
Sung to the tune Halton Holgate

All Come, rejoice before your maker
All you peoples of the earth;
Serve the Lord your God with gladness,
Come before him with a song!

Know for certain that Jehovah Is the true and only God: We are his, for he has made us; We are sheep within his fold.

Come with grateful hearts before him, Enter now his courts with praise; Show your thankfulness before him, Give due honour to his name.

For the Lord our God is gracious, Everlasting is his love; And to every generation His great faithfulness endures. Praise and honour to the Father, Praise and honour to the Son, Praise and honour to the Spirit, Ever three and ever One.

Please sit.

New Testament Reading

The reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The reading may be followed by a time of silent reflection.

- M Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.
- **All** And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

All And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.

Please stand.

Benedictus The song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)
Sung to the tune Kingsfold

All Now bless the God of Israel
who comes in love and power,
Who raises from the royal
house deliv'rance in this hour.
Through holy prophets God has sworn
to free us from alarm,
To save us from the heavy hand
of all who wish us harm.

Remembering the covenant,
God rescues us from fear,
That we might serve in holiness
and peace from year to year.
And you, my child shall go before,
to preach, to prophesy,
That all may know the tender love,
the grace of God most high.

In tender mercy, God will send
the dayspring from on high,
Our rising sun, the light of life
for those who sit and sigh.
God comes to guide our way to peace,
that death shall reign no more
Sing praises to the Holy One,
O worship and adore.

To God the Father, fount of grace, through his beloved Son, With God their Spirit, bond of love, be glory ever One.

The Sermon

Please sit.

The sermon may be followed by a time of silent reflection.

The Creed

Please stand.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

Third Hymn

Prayers

Please kneel or sit.

Intercessions are offered.

The Collect is said.

The Lord's Prayer is said

- M Gathering our prayers and praises into one,as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray
- All 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.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and for ever.
 Amen.

Final hymn

Please stand.

During this hymn the collection is received.

The Conclusion

The Blessing

This or another blessing is said by the minister

- M The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.
- All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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