

Morning Prayer at St Mary's On Wednesdays

From August 2023

A Morning Liturgy

Welcome

Opening Responses

May God be among us throughout this day. **Amen.**

May Christ be beside us throughout this day. **Amen.**

May the Spirit be within us throughout this day. **Amen.**

As we gather again as God's people, may we live in harmony with the
Blessèd Three to whom be praise and glory forever. **Amen.**

Prayer

Let us pray.

Each and every thing we have received—
from God it came.

Each and every thing we enjoy—
from God it comes.

Each and every thing we pray for—
from God it will be given.

God of life, you are the source of all goodness and satisfy all our desires.

When our understanding of you is small,
increase it, we pray.

When our desire to do your will is weak,
enliven it, we pray.

When the seed you have planted has yet to bear fruit,
ripen it, we pray.

But first, create in us clean hearts as, in your sight, we unburden ourselves
of guilt,
of anger and of fear,
of pride and of hardness of heart,
of weakness of intention.

A short silence is kept.

Lord of all
have mercy upon us.

Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world
make peace within us.

Lord of heaven and earth
**forgive us our sins, be with us and for us,
wherever life takes us.**

In the common path of our calling,
whether it be easy or uneasy to tread,
whether it be bright or dark to follow,
we pray, may your perfect guidance protect us.

**Be a shield against all that might deceive us,
be a healer for all that might harm us,
be a witness of all that might trouble us
be a friend to all who are dear to us,
this day and until we meet in glory.
Amen.**

Psalm for the day

At the end of the Psalm

**Glory be 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.**

Readings

Before the first reading

God of glory,
you nourish us with your word, which is the bread of life.

After the readings

In this is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

Collect

This collect or the collect for the day is used.

Kindle in our hearts, O God

the flame of that love which never ceases,

that it may burn in us, giving light to others.

May we shine for ever, both in your temple and your world, set on fire with your eternal light, even your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. **Amen.**

Intercessions

The following response may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

Acclamations

The Lord God almighty is our Father:

he loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:

he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:

he will lead us in God's holy way.

To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

be praise and glory today and for ever.

Amen.

The Blessing

May God give *us* his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy, in this world and the next;
and may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among *us* and remain with *us* always.

Amen.

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