

An Order for Morning Prayer on a Sunday

**St. Michael's Church
Sittingbourne**



Preparation

An opening hymn may be sung.

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

All **and also with you**

This is the day that the Lord has made

All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

(or)

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.**

The minister may say

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.

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.

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.**

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

All **Amen**

All Blessed is the Lord,
**for he has heard the voice of our
prayer;**

Therefore, shall our hearts dance for
joy
All **and in our song will we praise our
God.**

The prayer of thanksgiving may be said

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.

A hymn may be sung.

The night has passed and the day lies
open before us;
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is 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:
All Amen

The Conclusion

*The service ends with one of the following, or
another blessing or ending.*

The Blessing

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.]**

(or)

The Grace

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

(or)

The Peace

May the peace of God, which passes
all understanding, keep our hearts
and minds in Christ Jesus.

All **Amen**

The peace of the Lord be always with
you

All **and also with you.**

These words may be added.

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace,
God's seal on our prayers.

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Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (the Song of Zechariah) is said or sung.

1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them
free.
2. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
3. Through his holy prophets God promised
of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
4. To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
5. This was the oath God swore to our
father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our
enemies,
6. Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
7. And you, child, shall be called the
prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to
prepare his way.
8. To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9. In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10. 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

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**

*A sermon is preached when Morning Prayer is the
principal service.*

The Creed

*When Morning Prayer is the principal service, the
Apostles' Creed or an authorized Affirmation of Faith
is said. It may be omitted on other occasions.*

**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**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

The Collect is said.

The Lord's Prayer is said.

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.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said or sung. Each psalm or group of psalms may end 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 Cantic

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the Old Testament cantic.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read. A hymn may be sung between readings. The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence. The reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**
(or)

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow.

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.**