*MORNING PRAYER*

*Being with our constant God in a changing world*

*Thanksgiving*

This is the day that the Lord has made.

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

Father in Heaven,

*All* **We give you thanks and praise**

Jesus, Lord of all

*All* **We worship you**

Spirit of God

*All* **We come to you**

Let us praise God with our whole hearts and minds

*All* **Let us praise him**

**Lord, direct our thoughts, teach us to pray, lift up our hearts to worship you in Spirit and in Truth, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

*Confession*

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.

Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith:

In a dark and disfigured world, we have not held out the light of life:

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world, we have failed to share our bread:

Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world, we have kept the love of God to ourselves:

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Reading(s) for the day (from the website)

The Message/Sermon (from the website)

*The Creed*

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,**

**from whom every family**

**in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**

**who lives in our hearts through faith,**

**and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**

**who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Prayers for healing: for the world and for ourselves \**

*After each prayer we may add a personal prayer and then say:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father:

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray for people in every kind of need; make your ways known on earth, your saving health among all nations.

….

We pray for the good estate of the catholic Church; guide and govern us by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life.

…

We commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate: [at this time, we pray especially for … ] comfort and relieve them in their need, give them patience in their sufferings, and bring good out of all their afflictions.

…

We remember those who have gone before us in the peace of Christ, and we give you praise for all your faithful ones, with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints.

…

All this we ask for Jesus Christ’s sake. Amen.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has 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.**

*A Final Prayer*

God grant us peace as we pray, or say to one another:

**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.**

The Dismissal/Ending

Let us serve the Lord with joy. Amen.

**\*ALTERNATIVE PRAYERS:**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

For the peace of the whole world,

for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,

and for the unity of all,

let us pray to the Lord….

Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of the Churches,

for all the members of the Body of Christ,

let us pray to the Lord….

Lord, have mercy.

For our sovereign,

for the leaders of the nations,

and for all in authority,

let us pray to the Lord….

Lord, have mercy.

For this community,

for every city, town and village,

and for all the people who live and work within them,

let us pray to the Lord…

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather,

and for abundant harvests for all to share,

let us pray to the Lord….

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, air, or water,

for the sick and the suffering,

[for …]

for their carers,

for prisoners and captives,

and for their safety, health and salvation,

let us pray to the Lord….

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need,

and for the absolution of our sins and offences,

let us pray to the Lord….

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering [ … *and*]

all who have gone before us in faith,

and in communion with all the saints,

we commit ourselves, one another,

and our whole life to Christ our God;

to you, O Lord.

Almighty God,

you have promised to hear the prayers

of those who ask in your Son’s name;

we pray that what we have asked faithfully

we may obtain effectually;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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