

*A shortened order for*

# MORNING PRAYER

*for Family Service and other occasions*

The Minister shall read aloud one or more of these verses from the Bible or others at his discretion:

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Dear friends,  
the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our many sins, and not to conceal them from Almighty God our heavenly Father, but confess them with a penitent and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his goodness and mercy. Therefore, I ask you all to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice as we draw near to God's throne of grace together:

A general CONFESSION to be said by the congregation and minister together, all kneeling:

*Almighty and most merciful Father,  
We have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed the desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone what we ought to have done,  
And we have done what we ought not to have done,  
And we cannot save ourselves.  
Have mercy on us helpless offenders.  
Restore those who are penitent, According to your promises  
declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, merciful Father, for his sake,  
That we may live a godly, righteous, and disciplined life,  
To the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

Where the Priest is present he shall pronounce this ABSOLUTION, or declaration of pardon, the people still kneeling

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ does not desire the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live. He has given authority and commandment to his ministers to declare to his people, being penitent, remission of their sins. He pardons all who truly repent and believe his holy gospel. Therefore let us ask him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that what we do here may be pleasing to him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The people shall answer

*Amen.*

in the absence of the Priest, this prayer: Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The LORD'S PRAYER shall be said by all, kneeling: *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 minister shall continue, People *O Lord, open our lips; and our mouth shall show forth your praise O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.*

All standing, *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.*

*Praise the Lord!  
The Lord's name be praised.*

A HYMN of praise, preferably one based upon a psalm.

A LESSON from the Bible shall be read.

The BENEDICTUS. The Song of Zechariah at the naming of John the Baptist. *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he has visited, and redeemed his people; And has raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David; As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets: which have been since the world began; That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all who hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy covenant. To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us; That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies: might serve him without fear; In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life. And thou, child, shall be called the Prophet of the Highest; for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people;*

*for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God:  
whereby the day-spring from on high has visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death:  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.*

A SECOND LESSON may be read here.

The APOSTLES' CREED, said or sung by all standing: *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And 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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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, the minister first saying:

*The Lord be with you,  
and with you  
Let us pray.*

All kneel The COLLECT (a special prayer for each week).

The second collect, for peace. *O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, whom to know is eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The third collect, for grace to live well. *Our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have safely brought us to this day; defend us with your mighty power, and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that governed by you in all things, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

An anthem or hymn may be sung here.

**A Prayer for the  
QUEEN AND ALL  
IN AUTHORITY.**

Lord God almighty, ruler of the nations,  
we humbly beseech you to regard with favour our sovereign lady,  
Queen Elizabeth, that in all things she may be led by your Spirit  
and protected by your power. Give wisdom to her ministers,  
especially the Prime Minister of Australia and the Premier of this State,  
to members of parliament, and to all who are in authority.  
Grant that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours  
upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth  
and justice, religion and piety, may be firmly established among us,  
and make us a blessing to all nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Prayer for the  
CLERGY AND  
PEOPLE**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
from whom comes every good and perfect gift,  
send down upon our bishops and other ministers, and on all congregations  
committed to their care, the healthful Spirit of your grace;  
and that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew  
of your blessing. Grant this, Lord, for the honour of  
our advocate and mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**A Prayer for our  
HOMES**

Lord Jesus Christ, who shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home,  
look in love on the homes in which we live.  
May they be true christian homes where your name is honoured and  
your peace is found; for your tender mercy's sake. *Amen.*

**A Prayer for  
CHILDREN**

O God who commanded us to remember you in the days of our youth,  
and promised that those who seek you early will find you:  
make our vision bright, our allegiance unfaltering, our service loyal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Prayer for  
the work of  
MISSIONARIES**

Heavenly Father, we pray for those in Australia and in other lands  
who do not know your love. Grant that through your missionaries they  
may be led to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and become soldiers  
and servants of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Prayer of  
ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time  
with one accord to make our common supplications unto you;  
and have promised that when two or three are gathered together  
in your name you will grant their requests;  
fulfil now, Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants,  
as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world  
knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

**THE GRACE**

*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.*

**Hymns that are  
based upon a  
Psalm.**

23	The Lord's my Shepherd The King of Love my Shepherd is	100	All people that on earth do dwell Before Jehovah's awful throne	121	Unto the hills around,
34	Through all the changing scenes	103	Praise my soul the King of heaven Praise to the Lord, the Almighty O Bless the Lord my soul,	136	Let us with a gladsome mind Give to our God immortal praise
67	God of mercy, God of grace			146	I'll praise my Maker while I've breath
72	Hail to the Lord's anointed	104	O worship the King	148	Praise the Lord ye heavens adore Him
87	Glorious things of Thee are spoken	107	From all that dwell below the skies	150	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
90	O God our help in ages past	108	This is the day the Lord hath made		
92	Sweet is the work, my God,				