



Morning Prayer for Ordinary Time
September 2021

Opening Dialog & Psalm

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
May Christ, the true and only light
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds
Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Venite : O Come

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise our joyful praise to God with psalms.

For our God is a great God
and a ruler great above all gods.
In God's hand are all the depths of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is our God's for he made it,
and God's hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For God is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 119:1-16.

Blessed are those whose way is pure,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

**Blessed are those who keep his testimonies
and seek God with their whole heart,**

Those who do no wickedness,
but walk in his ways.

**You, O Lord, have charged
that we should diligently keep your commandments.**

O that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes.

**Then should I not be put to shame,
because I have regard for all your commandments.**

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgements.

**I will keep your statutes;
O forsake me not utterly.**

How shall young people cleanse their way
to keep themselves according to your word?

**With my whole heart have I sought you;
O let me not go astray from your commandments.**

Your words have I hidden within my heart
that I should not sin against you.

**Blessed are you, O Lord;
O teach me your statutes.**

With my lips have I been telling
of all the judgements of your mouth.

**I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies
than in all manner of riches.**

I will meditate on your commandments
and contemplate your ways.

**My delight shall be in your statutes
and I will not forget your word.**

**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.**

Let us pray.... *Silence* **Blessed are you, creator of all, to you be praise and glory for ever. As your dawn renews the face of the earth bringing light and life to all creation, may we rejoice in this day you have made; as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep, open our eyes to behold your presence and strengthen our hands to do your**

will, that the world may rejoice and give you praise. May Christ, the true and only light banish all darkness from our hearts and minds

Word

READINGS

“My voice will come to you in the morning, O Lord, in the morning I will send my prayer to you, and keep watch.” Psalm 5:3

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ⁸ This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. Titus 3:4-8

Following the Psalms and readings there is a time of silence for reflection. The silence concludes:

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

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and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.

And afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory**

The Canticle of Zachariah is read responsively.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; God has come to his people and set them free.
God has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.
God promised to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our ancestors Sarah and Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship him without fear,

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer

Christ is the Bread of Life, Manna feeding the Church healing and life, wholeness and salvation. Let us lift the needs of our lives, our neighbors and our community to God.

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

O God, Bread of Life, You open Your hands in blessing each day.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

for all working for health and wholeness in these challenging days...

Other thanksgivings may be added.

Wellspring of mercy, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in our living Christ, the source of wholeness and salvation.

Especially we pray—

for those who are ill in body, mind or spirit. . .

for those suffering homelessness, want, or food insecurity. . .

for all laid off, without a fair and safe workplace,

all whose employment or business is at risk . . .

for all affected by fire, flood, famine or storm. . .

for those oppressed for their faith . . .

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Together we pray Luther's Morning Prayer

We thank You, heavenly Father through Jesus Christ Your dear Son that You have kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray that You would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands we commend all that we are, body and soul. Let Your holy angels be with us, that the evil one have no power over us.

Amen.

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Savior taught us, so we pray:

**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, and the power and glory,

Forever and ever, Amen!

Blessing & Benediction

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

May God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless our days and our deeds with peace. **Amen.**

We go about our day in the spirit of the risen Christ