

An Office of Morning Prayer from feast of the Presentation until Ash Wednesday

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Invitatory; Jubilate - Psalm 100 (Inclusive Language Psalter)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness

and come into the divine presence with a song.

Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;

the One made us is the One to whom we belong;

we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;

go into these courts with praise;

give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;

and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
let us praise and worship God who has called us together.
Let us celebrate God's majesty,
and delight in the wonder of God's love.
Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,
we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.
All this we do,
because we believe in the presence among us of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

The Confession

Hear these words of scripture;

If we claim to be sinless,

we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth. If we confess our sins,

God is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of mercy,

we have sinned against you and against others.

We have sinned in what we have done,

and in what we have failed to do.

We are truly sorry.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for our sins,
forgive us all that is past
and raise us to newness of life. Amen.**

**Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins,
strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

First reading

Psalm

Second reading

Responsory

O come, let us sing to the Lord,

let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;

and tell of your salvation from day to day.

We proclaim your glory to the nations,

your praise to the ends of the earth.

Gospel Reading

Sermon

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and 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.

Prayers of the People

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others as he loves us.

Silence

Lord hear our prayer;
and let our cry come to you.

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble (especially for...). Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

Silence

Lord hear our prayer;
and let our cry come to you.

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these lands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Silence

Lord hear our prayer;
and let our cry come to you.

We pray for your Church throughout the world (praying today for...), thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Silence

Lord hear our prayer;
and let our cry come to you.

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ (remembering today...), and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Lord hear our prayer;
and let our cry come to you.

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you.
Hear the prayers of your people.
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of mercy,
you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice;
and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name;
fulfil now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people
as may be best for us and for your kingdom.
Grant us in this world to know your truth,
and in the world to come to see your glory.
Amen.

Collect Prayers

Collect of the day: (changes weekly)

Almighty and everliving God,
increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind

and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Holy and everliving God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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. Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful God bless us and keep us now and for ever.

Amen.

This service is assembled from morning prayer resources found in the New Zealand Prayer book, and the Anglican Church of Canada