



**An Order for**  
**MORNING PRAYER**  
**during Christmas**  
**and Epiphany**

## **Hymn**

### **The Introduction**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Christmastide:*

You laid the foundation of the earth  
**and the heavens are the work of your hands.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your living Word, eternal in heaven,  
assumed the frailty of our mortal flesh,  
may the light of your love be born in us  
to fill our hearts with joy as we sing:  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Epiphanytide:*

Your light springs up for the righteous  
**and all the peoples have seen your glory.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
king of the nations,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.  
As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts  
anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit  
that we may witness to your gospel  
and sing your praise in all the earth.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Act of Penitence**

Let us confess our sins to the Father  
and seek his pardon and peace.

*Either*

Lord Jesus, mighty God  
and Prince of peace,  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Son of God  
and Son of Mary,  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Word made flesh  
and splendour of the Father,  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Or*

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have sinned against you in  
thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with all  
our heart; and we have not loved  
others as Christ loves us.  
We are truly sorry. In your  
mercy, forgive us. Help us to  
amend our lives; that we may  
delight in your will and walk in  
your ways, to the glory of your  
name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who  
truly repent, have mercy on you and  
set you free from sin, strengthen you  
in goodness and keep you in eternal  
life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*[The collect and readings for the day can be found on the weekly sheet]*

Let us pray...

*The Collect of the Day*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*The First Reading*

*The Psalm*

*The Second Reading*

*The Gospel*

## ***The Homily***

**The Creed** [*The Apostles' or Baptismal Creed may be used.*]

**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,  
and 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.**

Do you believe in God the Father, the  
Creator of all?

**I believe and trust in God the  
Father.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son  
Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world?

**I believe and trust in God the  
Son.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy  
Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life?

**I believe and trust in his Holy  
Spirit, who gives life to the people  
of God.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## ***Hymn***

## ***The Prayers of the Church***

*After each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

*Concluding with:*

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

*Or*

Believing the promises of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## ***The Peace***

Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.

*Or*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of peace;  
of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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### ***The Blessing and Dismissal***

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Christ, who by taking our flesh, gathered into one all  
things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and  
peace ...

*Or*

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts  
with the good news of his kingdom ...

...and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ.**



The clergy team continue to meet for morning prayer each day.  
Please send any prayer requests, for yourself, family, friends etc to one of the  
clergy team.

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