

# Morning Prayer Form



The Liturgy Letter

(Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Year B)

To you, O LORD, I lift my soul.  
O God, in you I trust.  
-from Psalm 25:1-2, NRSV

## Invitation to Prayer

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.  
-Romans 8:26-27, NRSV

## Hymn - Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea; Holy,  
Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*Words by Reginald Heber / Music by John B. Dykes*

## Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:**

**We have sinned against you, through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left  
undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve  
you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

- from *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Silence*

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Psalm 54 (NIV)

*For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A maskil of David. When the Ziphites had gone to Saul and said, "Is not David hiding among us?"*

1 Save me, O God, by your name;  
vindicate me by your might.

2 Hear my prayer, O God;  
listen to the words of my mouth.

3 Arrogant foes are attacking me;  
ruthless people are trying to kill me—  
people without regard for God.

4 Surely God is my help;  
the Lord is the one who sustains me.

5 Let evil recoil on those who slander me;  
in your faithfulness destroy them.

6 I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;  
I will praise your name, Lord, for it is good.

7 You have delivered me from all my troubles,  
and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.

## Gloria Patri

Glory 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.

## Scripture Readings

[Jeremiah 11:18-20](#)

[James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a](#)

*(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)*

[Mark 9:30-37](#)

(A short silence is observed after the reading of the Gospel)

## The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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.  
He 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.

## The Prayers of the People

God of all creation, full of love and abounding in mercy;  
May the whole earth be filled with your glory.  
Lord, bless and guide all ministers of your church;  
Clothe them in righteousness and grant them wisdom.

Direct the leaders of our government;  
**That they may act in accordance with your kingdom.**  
Enlarge our own hearts, O Lord,  
**To love the things that you love**  
May we proclaim your light  
**In every place where there is darkness.**  
May we proclaim your Holy Name  
**In every aspect of our lives.**  
We pray for those in sickness, grief, persecution,  
bondage, fear, or loneliness, and for all of our own needs;  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Intercessions** (A time of spontaneous prayers and intercessions. Say “out loud” the names and situations that you would like to bring before God.)

To God be all honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we are bold to pray:

#### **The Lord’s Prayer**

*\*If praying with others, stand and hold hands. If praying individually, stand with hands open and outstretched in the [sign of the Orans](#).*

### **A Prayer for the Eighteenth Sunday in Trinitytide (from the *Book of Common Prayer*)**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Benediction**

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.  
**We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.**  
Let us bless our Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**