

# Morning Prayer Form



The Liturgy Letter

(Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - Year B)

We pray to you, O Lord; you hear our voice in the morning;  
at sunrise we offer our prayers and wait for your answer.

—based on Psalm 5:2-3

## Invitation to Prayer

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.  
To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.  
—Ephesians 6:18, NRSV

## Hymn - Come Holy Ghost (Veni Creator Spiritus)

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid to fill our hearts which thou hast made,  
To fill our hearts which thou hast made.

O Comforter, to thee we cry, Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;  
Thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet anointing from above,  
And sweet anointing from above.

*Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.  
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.*

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone, know we the Father and the Son;  
Be this our firm unchanging creed, that thou dost from them both proceed,  
That thou dost from them both proceed.

*Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.  
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.*

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, and Holy Spirit with them one;  
And may the Son on us bestow all gifts from the Spirit flow,  
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

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Words: *Veni, Creator Spiritus* (9th Century) / Music: Bruce Benedict & Raymond G. Mills

## 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 19 (NIV)

*To the leader. A Psalm of David.*

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;
- 4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple;

8 the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;  
9 the fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.  
10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
12 But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.  
13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

## **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**

[Isaiah 50:4-9](#)

[James 3:1-12](#)

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

[Mark 8:27-38](#)

*(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 Seventeenth Sunday in Trinitytide (from the *Book of Common Prayer*)**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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!**