

# Morning Prayer Form

(Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Year B)



The Liturgy Letter

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

## Invitation to Prayer

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
—Philippians 4:6-7, NRSV

## Hymn - My Only Comfort (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1)

My only comfort, now, always, in both my life and death,  
is knowing I am not my own;  
I belong to Jesus Christ.  
My body and soul belong to him  
in life, in death, always.  
He is my faithful Savior, Friend;  
Jesus Christ, my Lord and King.

He fully paid for all my sins with his own precious blood  
and through his death has set me free  
from Satan's tyranny.  
Without my heavenly Father's will,  
not a single hair can fall.  
In fact, all things must work for good,  
for my salvation.

Since I belong to him alone, Christ, through the Spirit gives  
assurance of eternal life,  
and so I live for him.  
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*Author: Zacharius Ursinus (1563); Author: Caspar Olevianus (1563);  
Versifier: Marlene Veenstra (2003, alt.)*

## Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

Open my lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.  
Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.  
- from Psalm 51

### *Silence*

May the Father of all mercies  
cleansing 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 8 (NIV)

*For the director of music. According to gittith. A psalm of David.*

1 Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory  
in the heavens.

2 Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.

3 When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,

4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?

5 You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet:  
7 all flocks and herds,  
and the animals of the wild,

8 the birds in the sky,  
and the fish in the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.  
9 Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **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**

[Genesis 2:18-24](#)

[Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12](#)

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

[Mark 10:2-16](#)

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

## **Te Deum Laudamus - A Song of the Church**

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord;  
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son,  
worthy of all praise, the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the Virgin's  
womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of  
heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory 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 Twentieth Sunday in Trinitytide (from the *Book of Common Prayer*)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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!**