

# Morning Prayer Form

(Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Year B)



The Liturgy Letter

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

## Invitation to Prayer

As Christians, we believe that prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. We also believe that God gives his grace and Holy Spirit to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking him for them.

—from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 116

## Hymn - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand*

*All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand*

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His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

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When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

*Music by William B. Bradbury, 1863 / Words by Edward Mote, 1834*

## Confession

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

-Galatians 5:13-14

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*

Lord, open our lips.  
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Hear our voice O Lord, according to your faithful love:  
He has heard our voice and is faithful and just to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
Amen.

## Psalm 16 (NIV)

*A miktam of David.*

- 1 Keep me safe, my God,  
for in you I take refuge.
- 2 I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
apart from you I have no good thing."
- 3 I say of the holy people who are in the land,  
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."
- 4 Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.  
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods  
or take up their names on my lips.
- 5 Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
you make my lot secure.
- 6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
surely I have a delightful inheritance.
- 7 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.

8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.  
9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,  
10 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.  
11 You make known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

## **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**

[Daniel 12:1-3](#)  
[Hebrews 10:11-25](#)

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

[Mark 13:1-8](#)

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

## **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.  
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.  
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He spoke through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. 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 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (from the *Book of Common Prayer*)**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Benediction**

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

We are sent in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Let us bless our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

### **Closing Hymn - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

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