

Morning Prayer Form

20th Sunday of Trinitytide - Year C



The Liturgy Letter

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

-Psalm 84:1-2

Silence

Opening Hymn - [Bless the Lord, My Soul](#)

Bless the Lord, my soul
And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life.

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Confession (from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Let us confess our sins to God.
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.
Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.
-Psalm 65:3-4

May the God of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
And raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 65 (NIV)

For the director of music. A psalm of David. A song.

- 1 Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.
- 2 You who answer prayer,
to you all people will come.
- 3 When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave our transgressions.
- 4 Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.
- 5 You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
God our Savior,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,
- 6 who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,
- 7 who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.
- 8 The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.
- 9 You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.
The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.
- 10 You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.
- 11 You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.
- 12 The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.
- 13 The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.

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

Joel 2:23-32

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

(stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Luke 18:9-14

(a short silence is kept after the reading of the Gospel)

Profession of Faith (from Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sisters and brothers, our baptism calls us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world:

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Intercessions (Spontaneous prayers - say "out loud" the names of those who come to mind that you would like to bring before God.)

o We pray for the people of...(countries or regions)

o We pray for our sisters and brothers...(churches, Christians, spiritual leaders)

o We pray for friends, relatives, and neighbors

o We pray for the day and its tasks, individuals in need, the world and its needs, and for the Church and her life.

Lord, we may end our lives in faith and hope. Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us by your grace, 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](#).*

Collect (from the Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

All praise be to God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Let us bless our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn - All Creatures of Our God and King

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Allelu—ia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise— Him!
Alleluia! Allelu—ia! Al—lelu—ia!