

Morning Prayer Form

(Christmas - Year A)



The Liturgy Letter

Be glad, you righteous and rejoice in the Lord,
shout for joy, all you who are true of heart.

—Psalm 32:12

Opening

Let the just rejoice,
for their justifier is born.
Let the sick and infirm rejoice,
For their saviour is born.

Let the captives rejoice,
For their Redeemer is born.

Let slaves rejoice,
for their Master is born.

Let free men rejoice,
For their Liberator is born.

**Let All Christians rejoice,
For Jesus Christ is born.**

-St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-440)

Hymn - Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

*Gloria, Gloria, Gloria
In excelsis Deo!*

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

Refrain

Traditional French Carol

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Silence

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.

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.

Psalm 98 (NRSV)

1 O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

2 The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

8 Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Gloria Patri

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is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrew 1:1-12

(stand for the reading of the Gospel)

John 1:1-14

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

Magnificat (Luke 1:46:55)

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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.

Let us offer our prayers for the church and the world:

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.

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 Christmas

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

Go forth in the joy of the Incarnation!
Let us bless our Lord. Thanks be to God!

Hymn - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Christmas Refrain)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel.