

Morning Prayer Form

(Second Sunday in Lent - Year A)



The Liturgy Letter

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

Hymn - O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Vast,
unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

Words: Samuel Trevor Francis / Traditional Welsh melody

Confession

**During the season of Lent it is appropriate to kneel or stand during confession.*

Let us confess our sins to God.

Everlasting God,
in whom we live and move and have our being:
You have made us for yourself,
so that our hearts are restless
until they rest in you.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.
Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,

that no selfish passion may hinder
us from knowing your will,
no weakness keep us from doing it;
that in your light we may see light clearly,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen. -from *The Book of Common Worship*

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.

Opening Psalm: Psalm 63:1-7

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

**My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

So I have seen you in the sanctuary,
and beheld your power and your glory.

**Because your love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.**

So I will bless you as long as I live,
and in your Name I will lift up my hands.

**My soul shall be satisfied as with the richest of foods,
and with joyful lips my mouth shall praise you,**

When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you through the watches of the night.

**Because you have been my help,
I will sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.**

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 121 (NIV)

A song of ascents.

1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

2 My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;

4 indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

6 the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;

8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

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Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

(stand)

John 3:1-17

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

Confession of Faith - The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true
God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin
Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

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.

(A time of spontaneous prayers and intercessions. Say “out loud” the names and situations that you would like to bring before God)

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Grant us your peace;
For only in you can we live in safety.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Lent

God of wilderness and water,
Your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.
Guide us through this season,
that we may not avoid struggle,
But open ourselves to blessing,
through the cleansing depths of repentance
and the heaven rending words of the Spirit.
Amen.

Benediction

Let us go in peace to serve the Lord and follow his Son Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Trisagion Doxology

Glory to the Father
Son and Holy Spirit
Now and forever
And to the ages
Amen.