

# MORNING PRAYER

at

**St Andrew's**



*Lady Chapel, east window*



**ST ANDREW'S**  
**BRIGHTON**

**Morning Prayer** (also **Matins** or **Mattins**) is one of the two main Daily Offices in the churches of the Anglican Communion, prescribed in the various editions of the *Book of Common Prayer* and other Anglican liturgical texts such as *A Prayer Book for Australia* (pages 2-15). The usual practice in medieval parish worship was for the congregation to attend the office of Matins, followed by the Latin Mass. After the English Reformations, the usual Sunday service followed a similar pattern - Morning Prayer then Holy Communion (in English). By the nineteenth century Morning Prayer had become the main Sunday morning service on most Sundays in non-sacramental Anglican parishes, with Holy Communion being celebrated (if at all) after Morning or Evening Prayer (typically once a month, on the first Sunday). In the twentieth century, Holy Communion became the main Sunday morning service once or twice per month. With the revival of the Eucharist as the principal Sunday service during the second half of the twentieth century, Morning Prayer is less frequently used, except as part of the daily office. On weekdays we use the Daily Services for each morning and evening of the week from *An Prayer Book for Australia* (pages 381-433).

The congregation's responses are in **bold** print.

## Processional music

### Introduction

### Sentence of the Day

### Opening Prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The minister continues*

Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins, and not to conceal them from God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his infinite goodness and mercy.

We ought always to admit our sins before God, and especially when we come together to give thanks for the good things we have received at his hands, to offer the praise that is his due, to hear his holy word, and to ask what is necessary for the body as well as the soul.

Therefore let us draw near to the throne of our gracious God, as we pray:

**Confession** - *kneel or sit for prayer*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
We have strayed from your ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone what we ought to have done,  
and we have done what we ought not to have done.  
Yet, good Lord, have mercy upon us;  
restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Grant, most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live a godly, righteous and sober lives  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**Absolution** – *is pronounced by the Priest*

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has no pleasure in the death of sinners, but would rather they should turn from their wickedness and live. He has given authority to his ministers to declare to his people who repent the forgiveness of sins.

God ✠ pardons all who truly repent and believe his holy Gospel. And so we ask him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that what we do now may please him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The responses are said*

Open our lips, O Lord;  
**and we shall declare your praise.**

O God make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to God; Father Son and Holy Spirit;  
**as in the beginning, so now, and forever. Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

**Psalm 95 (Venite)** – *said by alternate verses*

- 1 O come let us sing out to the Lord:  
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.
- 2 **Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:  
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.**
- 3 For the Lord is a great God.  
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 **In his hand are the depths of the earth:  
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his and he made it:  
his hands moulded dry land.
- 6 **Come let us worship and bow down:  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.**
- 7 For he is the Lord our God:  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 8 **Today if only you would hear his voice:  
'Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness;**
- 9 'When your forebears tested me:  
put me to proof though they had seen my works.
- 10 **'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:  
"It is a people who err in their hearts  
for they do not know my ways";**
- 11 'Of whom I swore in my wrath:  
"They shall not enter my rest."

**Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
as in the beginning so now: and forever Amen.**

**Canticle** – *read by clergy*

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,  
for yours is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.  
Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;  
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,  
and you are exalted as head over all.  
Riches and honour come from you  
and you rule over all.  
In your hand are power and might;  
yours it is to give power and strength to all.  
And now we give you thanks, our God,  
and praise your glorious name.  
For all things come from you,  
and of your own have we given you.

*1 Chronicles 29.10b-13,14b*

**First Reading** – from the Old Testament

Here ends the first lesson.

**The Song of the Church (Te Deum)** – *read by alternate verses*

We praise you, O God:  
we acclaim you as Lord.

**All creation worships you:  
the Father everlasting.**

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven:  
the cherubim 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 the apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of the 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,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

**You, Lord 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 to 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.**

## **Second Reading – from the New Testament**

Here ends the second reading.

### **The Song of Zechariah (*Benedictus*)** – *read by our clergy*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
Who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty saviour:  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forefathers:  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear;  
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High:  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation:  
By the forgiveness of their sins,

In the tender compassion of our God:  
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness, and the shadow of death:  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to God; Father Son and Holy Spirit;  
as in the beginning, so now, and forever. Amen.**

## The Apostles' Creed

Let us stand and say the Apostles' Creed together.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead.;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**from there he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Sermon

## Prayers

*Intercessions are offered:*

- *for the day and its tasks*
- *for the world and its needs*
- *for the Church and her life*

*The response is:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us together pray the pray that Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Collect of the day**

### **Collect for Peace**

O God, the author and lover of peace, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend your servants in all assaults of our enemies, that, surely trusting in your defense, we may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Morning Collect**

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for bringing us safely to the beginning of this new day: keep us by your mighty power, and grant that we may fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but lead and governed in all things by you, we may always do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The prayer of St John Chrysostom**

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you and has promised that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

### **The Grace**

We say together:  
**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**