

# Morning Prayer

## Today's Reading:

Psalm 103:1-5

Ephesians 3:14-21

Luke 15:3-7

Good morning and welcome to morning prayer. Let's begin with a moment of silence:

O Lord, open our lips. And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

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

O Glory be 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.

## Confession

**Almighty God, my heavenly Father: I have sinned against you, through my own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what I have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive me all my offenses; and grant that I may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.†**

*A brief silence is kept*

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Venite (Come) *Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9,13***

O come, let us sing to the Lord;\*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving\*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,\*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,\*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down,\*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,\*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
Today, if you hear his voice,\*  
do not harden your heart as in the rebellion.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;\*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth\*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

**A READING FROM THE PSALTER**

**Psalm 103:1-5**

1 Praise the Lord, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
2 Praise the Lord, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—  
3 who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
5 who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Glory be 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.

## **THE LESSONS**

### **Ephesians 3:14-21**

#### **A Prayer for the Ephesians**

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

O The Word of the Lord

**A Thanks be to God**

*A brief silence is kept after the reading.*

*Please pause the service if you would like more time.*

## **Canticle**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

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*Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and kingly power  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is,  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation,  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,  
for ever and for evermore.

## **Reading**

### **Luke 15:3-7**

3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*A brief silence is kept after the reading.*

**THE CREED**

**ALL:**

**I believe in one God,**  
**the Father, the Almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth,**  
**of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**  
**the only-begotten 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,**  
**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**  
**who proceeds from the Father,**  
**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has**  
**spoken through the prophets.**

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

## THE PRAYERS

O The Lord be with you

A **And also with you**

O Let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy

A **Christ, have mercy**

A **Lord, have mercy**

A **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

O God of all creation, full of love and abounding in mercy;

A **May the whole earth be filled with your glory.**

O Lord, bless and guide all ministers of your church;

A **Clothe them in righteousness and grant them wisdom.**

O Direct the leaders of our nation;

A **That they may act in accordance with your kingdom.**

O Enlarge our own hearts, O Lord,

**A To love the things that you love**

O May we proclaim your light

**A In every place where there is darkness.**

O May we proclaim your Holy Name

**A In every aspect of our lives.**

O Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**A And renew a right spirit within us.**

O Grant us your peace;

**A For only in you can we live in safety.**

O We pray for those in sickness, grief, persecution, bondage, fear, or loneliness.

**A Lord, have mercy.**

O Let us offer our own prayers.

*(a brief pause to silently offer our own prayers)*

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable

love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

O Let us bless the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God.**

O 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.

2 Corinthians 13:14