

A SERVICE OF
MORNING or EVENING
PRAYER
FOR WEEKEND USE

FORM 1

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1. GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME (stand)

Opening hymn

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Open our lips, O Lord,

And we shall declare your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made:

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Sentence of scripture.

Friends in Christ, we come together to meet with God, and take our part in the building up of his church. We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise, hear from God's holy word, and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

2. THE CONFESSION (kneel)

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

I will arise and go to my Father and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no more worthy to be called your son". (Luke 15:18-19)

(a time of silence)

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

6. THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE (stand)

Eternal God and Father,

by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed, guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most loving God,

you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

May the Lord bless us and keep us,

May the Lord make his face shine upon us, and be gracious to us,

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final hymn

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Accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**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.**

Almighty God and merciful Father,
we give you hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.
We bless you for our creation and preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all, 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 a sense of your mercies,
that our hearts may be truly thankful
and that we may praise you
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
serving you in holiness and righteousness all our days,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of consolation and assurance:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. (1John 2:1-2)

3. THE MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD (sit)

Almighty God, we thank you for your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and strength to our lives, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Bible reading.

For the word of the Lord : **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm.

Second Bible reading.

For the word of the Lord : **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn.

Gospel reading.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Gospel of the Lord :

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The sermon.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.*

*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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.*

4. THE GREETING OF PEACE & OFFERING *(stand)*

We are the Body of Christ :

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you :

And also with you

Sharing of the peace.

Hymn & offertory collection.

Offering prayer:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory

And for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

5. THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER *(kneel or sit)*

Lord, show us your mercy,

And grant us your salvation.

Keep our nation under your care,

And guide us in justice and truth.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness,

And make your chosen people joyful.

Lord, save your people,

And bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,

For you are our help and strength.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,

And renew us by your Holy Spirit.

The prayer for the day.

The intercessions.