

A SERVICE OF  
MORNING or EVENING  
PRAYER  
FOR A SAINT'S DAY

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ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

## **1. GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME** (stand)

Opening hymn

O sing to the Lord a new song:

**Sing to the Lord all the earth.**

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

We will proclaim the name of the Lord.

**Ascribe greatness to our God.**

Sentence of scripture.

Prayer of preparation:

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden,  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Beatitudes:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right,  
for they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

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

God the source of all holiness, may we who are strangers and pilgrims here on earth, be welcomed with all your saints into your kingdom.

**May God give us grace to follow the saints  
in faith and hope and love.**

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

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.**

O God, by whose grace your servant (N)  
became a burning and shining light in your church:  
Grant that we also may be aflame  
with the spirit of love and discipleship,  
and walk before you as children of light,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **2. THE CONFESSION** (kneel)

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith:

(a time of silence)

We pray together:

**O God, you have searched us out and known us,  
and all that we are is open to you.  
We confess that we have sinned:  
we have used our power to dominate  
and our weakness to manipulate;  
we have evaded responsibility and failed to confront evil;  
we have denied dignity to ourselves and to each other,  
and have fallen into despair.  
We turn to you, O God;  
we renounce evil, we claim your love,  
we choose to be made whole.**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to God:

Come to me, all you who labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

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

*First Bible reading.*

*May your Word live in us : And bear much fruit to your glory.*

*Psalm.*

*Second Bible reading.*

*May your Word live in us : And bear much fruit to your glory*

*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 Apostle's creed:*

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

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.***

### **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)*

*Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,*

***They will receive a blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.***

*Save us Lord, while we are awake,  
protect us while we are asleep.*

***That we may keep watch with Christ  
and rest with him in peace.***

*The prayer for the day.*

*The intercessions.*