MORNING PRAYER

The Gathering of God's People

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love. Let us confess our sins to God our Father: Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people 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**. O Lord, open our lips and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

FIRST CANTICLE - VENITE Psalm 95

O come let us sing out to the Lord; let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his face with thanksgiving, and cry out to him joyfully in psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth and the peaks of the mountains are his also. The sea is his and he made it, his hands moulded dry land. Come let us worship and bow down, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is the Lord our God; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Today if only you would hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the wilderness; When your forebears tested me, put me to the proof though they had seen my works. 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; Of whom I swore in my wrath, they shall not enter my rest.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Scripture Readings (Please See Reading Chart)

Take a few moments to think and reflect on the readings and ask God help you hear and understand what he is saying to you.

JUBILATE Psalm 100

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy. Know that the Lord he is God; it is he who has made us and we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Come into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and bless his holy name. For the Lord is good his loving mercy is for ever, his faithfulness throughout all generations.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' 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 again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and 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.

The Prayers of the People

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen. Show us your mercy, O Lord and grant us your salvation. O Lord, save the Queen and grant her government wisdom Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness and let your servants shout for joy. O Lord, save your people and bless those whom you have chosen. Give peace in our time, O Lord and let your glory be over all the earth. O God, make clean our hearts within us and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your protection, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life, we may never forget your presence but may remember that we are always walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers (Talk to God about the people and things that come to mind.)

Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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**.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Amen**. (Romans 15:13)