

# An Order of Morning Prayer

If possible turn off anything that makes a noise, and get rid of any other distractions and light a candle.

If you are with another person, one can lead and the other respond, if you are alone say all the parts yourself

# Acclamation at the dawning of the Day

O Lord, open our lips

***All* and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

***All* May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts  
and triumph over the shades of night.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your dawn renews the face of the earth  
bringing light and life to all creation,  
may we rejoice in this day you have made;  
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,  
open our eyes to behold your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All*    **Blessed be God for ever.**

*after Lancelot Andrewes (1626)*

# To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory! great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain:*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the father through Jesus the son;  
And give him the glory – great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Refrain*

Great things he hath taught us, great things he  
hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the son:  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see!

*Refrain*

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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.

**All Amen.**

# Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you,  
O LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the  
morning,  
more than those who watch for the  
morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

**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.**

# Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSVACE)

**37** The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'



<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

- <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.’

# Canticle

Refrain:

***All: I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,  
the praises of the Most High.***

1Who is this that comes from Edom, ♦  
coming from Bozrah, his garments stained crimson?

2Who is this in glorious apparel, ♦  
marching in the greatness of his strength?

3'It is I, who announce that right has won the day, ♦  
it is I,' says the Lord, 'for I am mighty to save.'

4Why are your robes all red, O Lord, ♦  
and your garments like theirs who tread the  
winepress?

'I have trodden the winepress alone, ♦  
and from the peoples no one was with me.'

6I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, ♦  
the praises of the Most High;

7All that God has done for us in his mercy, ♦  
by his many acts of love.

8For God said, 'Surely, they are my people,  
my children who will not deal falsely,' ♦  
and he became their Saviour in all their distress.

9So God redeemed them by his love and pity; ♦  
he lifted them up and carried them  
through all the days of old.

**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.**

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the praises of the Most High.***

# New Testament Reading

- Romans 8:6-11 (NRSVACE)
- <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
- <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

# Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with  
thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and  
stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace,  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of  
our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh  
retire;  
speak through the earthquake,  
wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm,  
O still, small voice of calm.



# Gospel

John 11:1-45 (NRSVACE)

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' 5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

7 Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' 8 The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' 9 Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. 10 But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' 11 After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' 12 The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. 15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' 16 Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup> She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'



28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' 37 But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' 40 Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Sermon to be read here

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

***All by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.***

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

***All We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.***

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

***All By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.***

God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***All We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;***

***by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.***

# Benedictus

**All The word of the cross is folly  
to those who are perishing,  
but to those who are being saved  
it is the power of God.**

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

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of  
old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 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 in his sight  
all the days of our life.

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

8 To give his people knowledge of  
salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

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

10 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 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.**

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to those who are perishing,  
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Intercessions (either follow the ones below or refer to website)

- ¶ *The persecuted Church*
- ¶ *The oppressed peoples of the world*
- ¶ *All who are lonely*
- ¶ *All who are near to death*
- ¶ *All who are facing loss*

# I heard the voice of Jesus say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay  
down,  
Thy head upon My breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place,  
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my  
soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s Light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall  
rise  
And all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that Light of Life I’ll  
walk  
Till traveling days are done.



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# Collect

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**All/Amen.**

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.**

- May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,  
set us free to serve him with joy.

***All Amen.***

- Let us bless the Lord.

***All Thanks be to God.***