Morning Praise

Notes

Type of service

A non-eucharistic morning service, not necessarily all-age;

Fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction;

Designed to be suitable for regular use and for a variety of contexts.

Hymns and songs

Possible points for these include:

during an opening procession before the greeting or after the greeting;

after the sermon or after the Creed;

after the Collect.

Venite

The version printed here is from Common Worship. Other versions (for instance, a hymn or song based on Psalm 95, or text taken from a different Bible translation) could be used. Note, for instance, that there is a very free paraphrase in the Psalms and Canticles section of this book.

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer is used in this service as an introduction to the prayers of intercession, setting the agenda for prayer. The optional response in the intercessions,

Your kingdom come

Your will be done.

picks this up.

The Collect is used as the summary and conclusion of the prayers, and for this reason there is no ending to the intercessions (such as Merciful Father, accept these prayers).
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We say together the words printed in bold.

Preparation

Greeting

The minister welcomes the people with a greeting, which may include

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

All and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

The minister introduces the confession.

All Lord God,

we have sinned against you;

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us

and restore to us the joy of your salvation,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,

and restore you in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Praise

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

All giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

All let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:

All and we shall praise your name.

A canticle or song or responsory, which may include

Venite a Song of Triumph

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it; and his hands have moulded the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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.

Word

A psalm or song based on a passage of Scripture may be used.

Reading(s)

After each reading this response may be used

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Apostles’ Creed

This, or an authorized Affirmation of Faith, is used.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 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.

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

One of these responses may be used

Your kingdom come.

All  Your will be done.

(or)

Loving God, we look to you.

All  Receive our prayer.

The Collect

The Collect, the prayer of the day, is said.

Conclusion

A blessing may be given.

The service ends with the Grace, or another ending.

All  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.


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