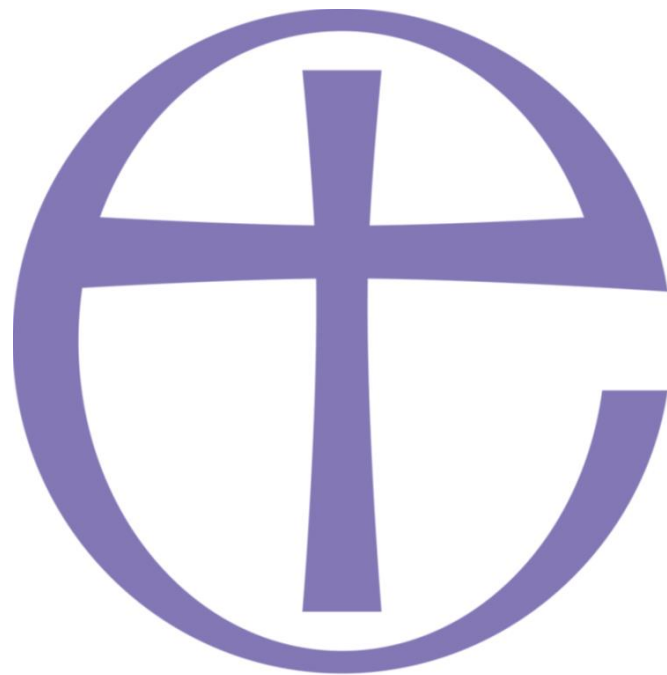


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**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**

**Worship
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Prayer During the Day

Preparation

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

O God make speed to save us.

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;

All **let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.**

Psalm 143.10

Brothers and sisters we gather for this Synod in Christ's name.
Welcome! We have come from many places, bringing all that unites us
and seeking common ground. In this place where paths cross and
pilgrims meet, let us seek God in worship with one heart and mind.

Praise

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
And such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a Feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in Love.

George Herbert (1633)

The Word of God

Psalm

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is ♦
to dwell together in unity.
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, ♦
running down upon the beard,
- 3 Even on Aaron's beard, ♦
running down upon the collar of his clothing.

- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon ♦
running down upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing: ♦
even life for evermore.

All **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.**

Short reading

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

1 Corinthians 12.12,13a

Response

Silence

Jesus said I am the good shepherd.

All **The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**

John 10.7,10b

Prayers

In peace, let us pray to Jesus our Lord,
who ever lives to make intercession for us.

All Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done.

Saviour of the world,
be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain,
and bring hope even in the darkest night.
Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation today.

All Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done.

Lord of the Church,
empower by your Spirit all Christian people,
and the work of your Church in every land.
Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully
in word and deed.

All Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done.

Shepherd and guardian of our souls,
guide and enable all who lead and serve this nation
and her communities,
and those on whom we depend for our daily needs.
Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare
of this nation.

All Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done.

Great physician,
stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness
and peace
to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels
of your healing love.

All Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done.

Conqueror of death,
remember for good those whom we love but see no longer.
Help us to live this day in the sure and certain hope
of your eternal victory.

All Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

All **Amen.**

Collect

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Benedict of Nursia (c.550)

All **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.**

The Conclusion

All The blessing of the Trinity
The blessing of God
who is in this place and every place.

All **The blessing of Jesus**
who is among us, often unrecognised.

All **The blessing of the Holy Spirit**
encouraging us to live together in unity;

All **be with us all. Amen.**

Evening Prayer

Preparation

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

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light
and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us

to cleanse our hearts

and set us free to sing your praise

now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalmody

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; ♦
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

2 He brought me out of the roaring pit,
out of the mire and clay; ♦
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.

3 He has put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; ♦
many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, ♦
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.

5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.
How great your designs for us! ♦
There is none that can be compared with you.

6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them ♦
they would be more than I am able to express.

Psalm 40.1-6

All **Glory be 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 Reading

Then Jesus began to speak to them in parables. 'A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But those tenants said to one another, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

Mark 12.1-12

The reading is followed by a time of silence.

Responsory

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.
All **Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

All **I have called you by name; you are mine.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All **Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.**

from Isaiah 43

Gospel Canticle

All **You have filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.**

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke. 1.46–55

All **Glory be 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,**

**You have filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.**

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

The following Collect is said.

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.**

The Conclusion

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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