

## An Order for Morning Prayer

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your  
praise.**

Give us the joy of your saving help  
**and sustain us with your life-giving  
Spirit.**

We have come together in the name of  
Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of  
God.

### Prayers of penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of  
heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn  
away from our sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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 us to the joy of your  
salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleans us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image,  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

## The Word of God

### Old Testament Reading

#### *Canticle*

Come, let us return to the Lord  
who has torn us and will heal us.  
God has stricken us  
and will bind up our wounds.  
After two days, he will revive us,  
and on the third day will raise us up,  
that we may live in his presence.  
Let us strive to know the Lord;  
his appearing is as sure as the sunrise.  
He will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.  
'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you?  
How shall I deal with you, O Judah?  
'Your love for me is like the morning mist,  
like the dew that goes early away.  
'Therefore, I have hewn them by the  
prophets,  
and my judgement goes forth as the light.  
'For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice,  
and the knowledge of God rather than burnt  
offerings.'

*Hosea 6.1-6*

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.

### New Testament Reading

#### *Responsory*

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.  
**And Christ shall give you light.**  
You have died and your life is hid with Christ  
in God.  
**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the  
dead.**  
Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on the earth.  
**And Christ shall give you light.**  
When Christ our life appears you will appear  
with him in glory.  
**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the  
dead, and Christ shall give you light.**

### Gospel Reading

*Canticle*

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them  
free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets God promised of  
old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,  
To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
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.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of  
the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his  
way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
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.

**The Creed**

**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**

Prayers – for the church, world and  
community are said here – ending with the  
Lord’s Prayer.

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all  
evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Grace*

**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.**

\* \* \* \* \*

If we are unable to meet together, we are still  
the body of Christ.

If we are unable to meet together we can still  
pray – for our world, our community, each  
other.

If you are unable to get to church, but we can  
help you in any way – please get in touch.

Alison Battye  
Tel 0113 2673676  
07717564542

Rector