

AN ORDER FOR
MORNING PRAYER AND EVENING PRAYER
FOR USE ON SUNDAYS ON THE THEME OF CREATION

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

Stand

The minister greets the people

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

The minister introduces the service with these or other suitable words

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

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

Let us worship the Lord.
All praise to his name.

The minister continues

MORNING

Blessed are you, Lord God,
creator of heaven and earth
Your Word calls all things into being
and the light of dawn awakens us to life
May your wisdom guide us this day
that we may cherish and care for your creation
and offer to you the sacrifice of our lips
praising you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

EVENING

Blessed are you, Lord of life.
You make light and darkness,
morning and evening, day and night,
and establish the stars in their heavenly courses.
As evening falls and creatures move on the face of the earth
may we take our rest,
and awake refreshed to praise you,
God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

A hymn may be sung

The Confession is introduced with these words

As those who know the generosity of God,
let us confess our sins,
especially for the ways in which we take creation
and God's gifts for granted.

Creator, we disfigure your world.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Redeemer, we reject your redemption and crucify you daily.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Giver of life, we too often choose death.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Or

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of your creation.

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the earth,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a world where many are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the poor and hungry.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for our environment
and the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

or

O God, our loving Father in heaven,
we confess that we have sinned against you and your creation;
we have broken your commandments;
we have often been selfish,
and we have not loved you as we should.
For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Creator God, maker of heaven and earth,
we acknowledge our failure to live responsibly
as part of your creation.
We have taken what we want,
we have wasted and discarded,
without considering the consequences;
Open our hearts and minds
so that we may turn from our greed and lack of vision
and see a world being made anew
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The priest pronounces the absolution

God the Creator bring you new life,
forgive and redeem you.
Take hold of this forgiveness
and live that life
in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

If no priest is present the absolution is omitted and the following prayer may be said

May the God of creation
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The minister says

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path.

Psalm 119:105

O Lord, your word is everlasting:
it stands firm for ever in the heavens. *c.f. Psalm 119:89*

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.
so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

The reader says

A reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

One or more of the appointed psalms is sung, ending with

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son,
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now r
and shall be for | ever. | A|men.

THE SECOND READING

The reader says

A reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A CANTICLE
THE THIRD READING

If three readings are used this is always a Gospel Reading.

The reader says

A reading from ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CANTICLE
if the third reading is used.

A COLLECT OF THE WORD
may be said here or following the Sermon.

THE SERMON

A hymn may be sung.

The Response to God's Word

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.

*This affirmation or a scriptural affirmation of faith
may be used instead of the Apostles' Creed.*

We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The Prayers of the People

Either of the following, or other seasonally appropriate prayers and intercessions, may be used.

Blessed God,
whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you,
and who puts in our hands responsibility
for the care of the earth and its creatures:

we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying,
 Merciful God,
 sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the well-being of the earth;
for its resources of water, air, light, and soil,
that they may be tended for the good of all creation,
we pray:
 Merciful God,
 sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth;
for their careful use and conservation,
that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we
pray:
 Merciful God,
 sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet,
that we may learn sustainable consumption
and sound care of the environment from which they come,
we pray:
 Merciful God,
 sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth,
wild and domestic, large and small,
that we and they may thrive in harmony with one another,
we pray:

Merciful God,
sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth that do us harm
and those whose place in your creation
we do not understand or welcome,
that we may see them as your beloved creatures,
we pray:

Merciful God,
sustain your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures
[*especially for N and our local leaders*],
that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we
pray:

Merciful God,
sustain your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation,
in agriculture, aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry,
and in forestry and timber-harvesting,
that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world
may be sustained alongside human activity,
we pray:

Merciful God,
sustain your planet and people in peace.

For all the creatures of your world who are ill,
or in danger, pain, or special need [especially N],
and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent,
or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war,
that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

Merciful God,

sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology
and for those who practice these skills,
that they may be wise, visionary,
and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God,

sustain your planet and people in peace.

For your Church,
that we your people may use our gifts and resources thoughtfully
and responsibly and shine as your light in the world,
thankful for those of your servants who minister to us,
[giving thanks especially for the work in ministry of N], we pray:

Merciful God,

sustain your planet and people in peace.

For all the creatures of the earth
whose lives and deaths have contributed
to the fruitful abundance of this planet
[giving thanks especially for N]

Merciful God,

sustain your planet and people in peace.

The Prayers conclude with this or another suitable collect.

Gracious God:

**Grant that your people may have the same mind
that was in Christ Jesus,
and guide us into harmony of relationship
through loving-kindness and the wise use**

of all that you have given;
for you are drawing all things into communion with you
and with each other
by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Or

We pray to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who makes, sustains and renews all things.

Lord of the Church
you call us to be faithful to our baptism.
We pray for your Church throughout the world
With the dawn of each day,
may we be awakened to the beauty of the earth
and rejoice in the wonder and diversity
of creation in all its forms and colour.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord of life,
all living things depend on the good quality
of the air, the soil, and water.
We pray for your wisdom to guide us as we care for the environment.
Deliver us from selfishness and greed.
Help us to share the rich resources of this world,
in the cause of stability and peace.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord of mercy,
Many areas are affected by climate change.
We pray for those suffering from the effects of extreme weather
where the environment has been damaged
by storms, floods, droughts or destructive wildfires.
May we better understand and respond to the effects
of the changing patterns of weather on the world.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord of creation,
you have placed us on the earth to care for it,
and call us to be co-workers with Christ your Son.
Bless those who work on land, sea or sky
May your wisdom help us to maintain
the biodiversity of our fragile planet.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord of the universe,
you have made us from the dust of the earth,
and to earth we shall return.
May we tread lightly and live sustainably in this world
By your grace, may we live wisely,
and at the last come with all your saints into paradise
and a renewed creation with you.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, 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.

or

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we are bold to pray:

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.

If the Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer are used at this point in the service, they are not used during the Dismissal.

A hymn may be sung during which the collection may be received.

Going Out as God's People

A THANKSGIVING

The minister says

Let us give thanks to the God of all creation.

For the colour and forms of your creation
and our place within it,

we give our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For our daily food,
and for those whose work and skill
bring your good gifts to us,
we give our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For insight and imagination,
and for the skills of research
which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many;
we give our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the light and shades of the changing seasons,
for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;
we give our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For new life and hope in our communities,
especially in your Church and amongst all called to serve you,
we give our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For all in whose lives we see
the fruit of the Spirit,
in goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility,
we give our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the life we have been given,
and for all those whom you have given us to share it,
we give our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us say together:
Be with us Lord,
as we go out into the world.
May the lips that have sung your praise
always speak the truth;
may the ears which have heard your Word
listen only to what is good
and may our lives as well as our worship
be always pleasing in your sight,
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.

The Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer are said if not used previously.

A priest blesses the people with these or other suitable words

May God the Father,
who clothes the lilies of the field
and feeds the birds of the air,
provide us with all we need for life in its fullness.

Amen.

May God the Son,
who fed the five thousand and turned water into wine,
feed us with his life and transform us in his love.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who hovered over the waters of creation
and formed the world from chaos,
form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

Amen.

*If no priest is present the Blessing is omitted
and the following prayer may be said*

The almighty and merciful Lord,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us.

Amen.

We go in peace to love and care for his creation.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

PROPERS FOR CREATION TIDE:

KYRIE CONFESSION:

You delight in creation, its colour and diversity;
yet we have misused the earth
and plundered its resources for our own selfish ends.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You have brought order out of chaos,
light out of darkness, good out of evil,
but we have preferred darkness
in words and deeds which dishonour God's holy name.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You have showered us with blessings,
but we have been grudging towards others
and lacking in generosity in word and deed.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia.

God has spoken to us through his Son,
through whom he created the cosmos.
Alleluia.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

PREFACE:

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour
by whom creation came into being,
a broken world is renewed,
and the glorious liberty of the children of God is being revealed.

BLESSING:

God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of creation.
Amen.

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into the harvest.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation,
help you to bear the fruits of love, joy and peace.
Amen.

And the blessing ...