

# THY KINGDOM COME MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER



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## Morning and Evening Prayer

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## Discovering a Pattern for Prayer

### Introduction

During *Thy Kingdom Come*, you are invited to discover new habits and ways of praying to God, that those whom you know might come to know Jesus.

From the earliest days of the Church, people have gathered together to praise God and to pray for salvation through his Son. Morning and Evening Prayer form part of what is sometimes known as the 'Daily Office', a form of worship and prayer which can be used by individuals or in groups as a structure for praise and petition. It is drawn from *Common Worship*, one of the worship resources of the Church of England.

Whether you are new to 'structured' prayer or an old hand, you are invited to try praying with us for the period between Ascension and Pentecost. We hope you may find in it a spiritual rhythm which will nourish your heart and keep prayer on your lips, enabling you to become part of a global wave of prayer.

If you find Morning and Evening Prayer enriching, you might like to check out some of the resources for daily prayer throughout the year, which are explained on the back cover of this booklet.

### How to use this booklet

- You can read what follows out loud, or to yourself.
- You can pray by yourself or in a group. When in a group, everyone can say the words in bold type. You can choose to say or sing the psalms and songs together or to choose someone to speak and others to listen.
- You can choose your own psalms, songs, and readings, or use the ones given.
- In the Prayers, you can pray out loud or silently whether by yourself or in a group, and you can pray in your own words or use the ones suggested.
- Daily reading can be found on page 12 of this booklet.

# Morning Prayer from the day after Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**[All:] and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

**[All:] and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, creator God,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters  
bringing light and life to your creation,  
pour out your Spirit on us today  
that we may walk as children of light  
and by your grace reveal your presence.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**[All:] Blessed be God for ever.**

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, •  
and all that is within me bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, •  
and forget not all his benefits;
- 3 Who forgives all your sins •  
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 Who redeems your life from the Pit •  
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, •  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness •  
and judgement for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses •  
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord has established his throne in heaven, •  
and his kingdom has dominion over all.
- 9 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, •  
you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice  
of his word.



Prayer



Reading

*The psalms of the  
day are said.*

*Daily readings  
found on page 12.*

10 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, •  
you ministers of his who do his will.

11 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his  
dominion; •  
bless the Lord, O my soul.

*Psalms 103.1–7, 19–22*

**[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.**

*This opening prayer may be said*

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.**

## The Word of God

*The psalms of the day are said.*

*Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**[All:] Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## First Reading

### Canticle

**[All:] The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.**

- 1 I will take you from the nations, •  
and gather you from all the countries.
- 2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you, •  
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.

- 3 A new heart I will give you, •  
and put a new spirit within you,  
4 And I will remove from your body the heart of stone •  
and give you a heart of flesh.  
5 You shall be my people, •  
and I will be your God.

*Ezekiel 36.24–26,28b*

**[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.**

**[All:] The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.**

### Second Reading

*A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

**[All:] and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

All who are led by the Spirit of God  
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

**[All:] Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.**

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,  
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,

**[All:] and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

For the creation waits with eager longing  
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**[All:] Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

*cf Romans 8*

*Refrain:*

**[All:] Christ has gone up on high  
and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.**

Gospel Cantic at Morning Prayer:

## Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

- 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,  
6 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.

*Luke 1.68–79*

**[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.**

**[All:] Christ has gone up on high  
and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.**



## Prayer

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*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect for Thy Kingdom Come, or the Collect of the day, is said.*

Almighty God,  
your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**[All:] Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said.*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**[All:] Our Father in heaven ...**

(or)

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**[All:] Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

### The Conclusion

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.

**[All:] Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**[All:] Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Evening Prayer from the day after Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

**[All:] O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
**[All:] and clothe your people with power from on high.  
Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
Raised to your right hand on high  
the ascended Christ shows the prints of love  
and bestows on us the gifts of grace.  
As your Spirit renews the face of the earth,  
may we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
and reveal your glory in all the world.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**[All:] Blessed be God for ever.**

*This hymn, or another, may be said or sung.*

Creator Spirit, Lord of grace,  
come, make in us your dwelling place;  
O purest Light, in darkness shine;  
fill loveless hearts, O Love Divine.

Consoler, hear your people's cry;  
come down, O Gift of God, Most High.  
Descend in peace, O heav'nly Dove;  
come Fount of Life; come Flame of Love.

As once on Christ the Servant's head  
the oil of sevenfold grace you shed,  
so now anoint from love's deep springs  
your chosen prophets, priests and kings.

Of ev'ry gift the living source,  
of mighty deeds the unseen force,  
the Father sends his promised One  
to speak for all who serve his Son.

Keep far all those who wish us ill,  
O Dove of Peace, be with us still,  
in ev'ry danger at our side  
O Friend, befriend us; be our guide.  
Reveal to us the Father's love,

reveal his Son, who reigns above.  
To truth, O Truth, make us all true;  
in love, O Love, make all things new.

*James Quinn SJ, based on Veni, Creator Spiritus  
(Tune: LM)*



## Prayer

*This opening prayer may be said*

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

*The psalms of the day are said.*

*Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**[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.**

## First Reading

### Canticle

**[All:] The Spirit of the Father,  
who raised Christ Jesus from the dead,  
gives life to the people of God. Alleluia.**

- 1 The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus •  
has set us free from the law of sin and death.
- 2 All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God; •  
for we have received the Spirit that enables us to cry, 'Abba,  
Father'.
- 3 The Spirit himself bears witness that we are children of God •  
and if God's children, then heirs of God;
- 4 If heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ; •  
since we suffer with him now, that we may be glorified with  
him.
- 5 These sufferings that we now endure •  
are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed.
- 6 For the creation waits with eager longing •  
for the revealing of the children of God.

*Romans 8.2,14,15b-19*



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## Second Reading

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When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;  
you renew the face of the earth.

**[All:] When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;  
you renew the face of the earth.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works;  
in wisdom you have made them all.

**[All:] You renew the face of the earth.**

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

**[All:] When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;  
you renew the face of the earth.**

*from Psalm 104*

*Refrain:*

**[All:] How excellent is your name in all the world,  
you have set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia.**

Gospel Canticle at Evening Prayer:

## Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

- 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 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.**

*Gospel Cantic: Magnificat (inside back cover)*

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Prayer

## Readings at Morning and Evening Prayer during Thy Kingdom Come

### **Thu 10 May**

*Morning Prayer*

Psalms 110, Isaiah 52.7–15,  
Heb 7.26–28.

*Evening Prayer*

Psalms 8, 2 Kings 2.1–15,  
Revelation 5

### **Fri 11 May**

*Morning Prayer*

Psalms 20, 81 (or) 88, (95)  
Numbers 20.1–13  
Luke 7.11–17

*Evening Prayer*

Psalms 145 (or) 102  
Deuteronomy 29.2–15  
1 John 1.1–2.6

### **Sat 12 May**

*Morning Prayer*

Psalms 21, 47 (or) 96, 97,  
100  
Numbers 21.4–9  
Luke 7.18–35

*Evening Prayer*

Psalms 84, 85 (or) 104  
Deuteronomy 30  
1 John 2.7–17

### **Sun 13 May**

*Morning Prayer*

Psalms 76  
Isaiah 14.3–15  
Revelation 14.1–13

*Evening Prayer*

Psalms 147.1–12  
Isaiah 61  
Luke 4.14–21

### **Mon 14 May**

*Morning Prayer*

Psalms 16, 147.1–12  
1 Samuel 2.27–35  
Acts 2.37–47

*Evening Prayer*

Psalms 80  
1 Samuel 16.1–13a  
Matthew 7.15–27

### **Tue 15 May**

*Morning Prayer*

Psalms 98, 99, 100 (or) 106\*  
(or) 103  
Numbers 22.36–23.12  
Luke 8.1–15

*Evening Prayer*

Psalms 68 (or) 107\*  
Deuteronomy 31.14–29  
1 John 3.1–10

### **Wed 16 May**

*Morning Prayer*

Psalms 2, 29 (or) 110, 111,  
112  
Numbers 23.13–end  
Luke 8.16–25

*Evening Prayer*

Psalms 36, 46 (or) 119.129–  
152  
Deuteronomy 31.30–32.14  
1 John 3.11–end

### **Thu 17 May**

*Morning Prayer*

Psalms 24, 72 (or) 113, 115  
Numbers 24  
Luke 8.26–39

*Evening Prayer*

Psalms 139 (or) 114, 116,  
117  
Deuteronomy 32.15–47  
1 John 4.1–6

### **Fri 18 May**

*Morning Prayer*

Psalms 28, 30 (or) 139  
Numbers 27.12–end  
Luke 8.40–end

*Evening Prayer*

Psalms 147 (or) 130, 131,  
137  
Deuteronomy 33  
1 John 4.7–end

### **Sat 19 May**

*Morning Prayer*

Psalms 42, 43 (or) 120,  
121, 122  
Numbers 32.1–27  
Luke 9.1–17

*Evening Prayer on the Eve  
of Pentecost*

Psalms 48  
Deuteronomy 16.9–15  
John 7.37–39

### **Sunday 20 May**

*Morning Prayer*

Isaiah 11.1–9 or  
Wisdom 7.15–23 [24–27]  
1 Corinthians 12.4–13  
Psalm 145

*Evening Prayer*

Psalms 139.1–11 [13–18,  
23–24]  
Ezekiel 36.22–28  
Acts 2.22–38

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# Resources for Daily Prayer throughout the year

The material in this booklet comes from *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*, which offers a daily pattern of prayer and Bible reading followed by many thousands of Christians across the Church of England and far beyond.

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## **Common Worship: Morning and Evening Prayer**

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