

A Service of the Word in the Epiphany season: Morning Praise

Greeting

The minister welcomes the people with a greeting

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

All and also with you.

Music

We sing a hymn or listen to some music



Prayers of Penitence

The minister introduces the confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

**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.

The Collect

The Collect, the prayer of the day, is said by the minister

The 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.**

The Word of God

Reading(s)

After each reading this response may be used

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Reflection

An address or reflection may be given, and there may be a hymn or music for reflection

The Apostles' Creed

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.

The Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end. *cf Isaiah 9.6,7*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We smile, wave or acknowledge each other in some way.

The Prayers

Intercessions are led, with the response:

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

And at the end

Merciful Father,

All *accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

The prayers conclude with this prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **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.**

Music

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Conclusion, the Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Stay in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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We are not people of fear: we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity.
We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs.
For as long as it takes wherever you call us.