

Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer 1957 (Amended)

These responses are used

All O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

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

All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Ghost;
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen.**

All Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Venite, exultemus Domino

1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord :
 let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :
 and shew ourselves 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 all the corners of the earth :
 and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it :
 and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship, and fall down :
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God :
 and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 95

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
 and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
 world without end. Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm 120

1 When I was in trouble I called upon the Lord *
and he heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips *
and from a deceitful tongue.

3 What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue *
even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.

4 Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Mesech *
and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar.

5 My soul hath long dwelt among them *
that are enemies unto peace.

6 I labour for peace, but when I speak unto them thereof *
they make them ready to battle.

Psalm 121

1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills *
from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh even from the Lord *
who hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved *
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself is thy keeper *
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day *
neither the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil *
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in *
from this time forth for evermore.

At the end of the psalm these words are said

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 19

In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the Lord. And the Lord said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, And be ready against the third day: for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes. And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives. And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. And the Lord came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish. And let the priests also, which come near to the Lord, sanctify themselves, lest the Lord break forth upon them. And Moses said unto the Lord, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. And the Lord said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the Lord, lest he break forth upon them. So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

New Testament Reading

Luke 1.1-25

Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless. And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

Benedictus

- 1 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
- 2 And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
in the house of his servant David;
- 3 As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :
which have been since the world began;

- 4 That we should be saved from our enemies :
and from the hands of all that hate us;
- 5 To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :
and to remember his holy covenant;
- 6 To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :
that he would give us,
- 7 That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :
might serve him without fear,
- 8 In holiness and righteousness before him :
all the days of our life.
- 9 And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
- 10 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins;
- 11 Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
- 12 To give light to them that sit in darkness,
and in the shadow of death :
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

**All I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;**

**the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers

All The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

All Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

All O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

All O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

All Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

All O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

All Give peace in our time, O Lord.
**And evermore mightily defend us.
but only thou, O God.**

All O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

These Collects are said.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who has given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin,
and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his
inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy
life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord,
in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,
whose service is perfect freedom;
defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in thy defence,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father,
almighty and everlasting God,
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day;

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