

The Conclusion

The Lord's Prayer is introduced.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.**

This reponsory may be used.

Make your ways known upon the earth, O Lord:
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness:
and help us serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation:
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy be forgotten:
nor the hope of the poor taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace:
and let your glory be over all the earth.

*A Regimental or Corps Collect,
or another specific formal prayer may be said.*

This prayer may be said by all

**Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of your holy word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
a light to our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us
to love and serve
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The service ends with one of the following.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

(or)

**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.**

Or a Chaplain may use this or some other blessing.

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

A hymn may be sung.

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Divine Service

Words in bold type are said by all.

Words in normal type are said by a minister.

Words in italics are instructions called rubrics.

The Gathering

A Hymn may be sung as the ministers enter.

The minister says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(or especially in the morning)

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.

(or especially in the evening)

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Lead your people to freedom, O God.
And banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

A minister may say

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.

The Minister says an invitation to confession

[Gathered together as God's family,
let us ask forgiveness from our heavenly Father,
for he is full of gentleness and compassion.]

All say this confession

**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.**

The chaplain says an absolution

[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.]
Amen.

These or other words of praise may be used

Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal:
have mercy upon us.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal:
have mercy upon us.**

(or)

Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;
**therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.**

A Hymn or Scriptural Song may be sung.

*The minister says the Opening Prayer or Collect,
and all respond Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

One or two readings follow.

After each reading these words may be used.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Psalm, Canticle or Hymn may be sung.

*The Gospel may be read formally,
especially at a principal morning service.*

An acclamation may herald the Gospel reading.

All remain standing.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to N.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

A Hymn or Gospel Canticle may be sung

The Apostles' 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 of Intercession

The intercession begins

In the power of the Spirit,
and in union with Christ
let us pray to the Father.

These words may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

The intercession may end

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

Or else this or another concluding collect may be used

Heavenly Father,
you have promised through your Son Jesus Christ,
that when we meet in his name,
and pray according to his mind,
he will be among us and hear our prayer:
in your love and mercy fulfil our desires,
and give us your greatest gift,
which is to know you, the only true God,
and your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A hymn may be sung.

A collection may be taken

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