



Morning Prayer

A Simplified Form

Opening

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,
who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.

The alleluia is omitted during Lent.

[Alleluia.]

Psalmody

The psalmody may begin with Psalm 95:1-7a (below), Psalm 63, Psalm 95, Psalm 100, or another psalm appropriate for morning. Psalms indicated in the [Daily Lectionary](#) may be used instead of or in addition to the psalms mentioned here.

- ¹Come, let us sing [|] to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of [|] our salvation.
- ²Let us come before God's presence [|] with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the [|] LORD with psalms.
- ³For you, LORD, [|] are a great God,
and a great ruler a- [|]bove all gods.
- ⁴In your hand are the caverns [|] of the earth;
the heights of the hills are [|] also yours.
- ⁵The sea is yours, [|] for you made it,
and your hands have molded [|] the dry land.
- ⁶Come, let us worship [|] and bow down,
let us kneel before the [|] LORD our maker.
- ⁷For the LORD [|] is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep [|] of God's hand.

A time of silence follows.

A hymn may follow.

Readings

One or more readings for each day may be selected from the [Daily Lectionary](#) or another resource. The reading of scripture may be followed by silence for reflection.

The reflection may conclude with these or similar words.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors
in many and various ways by the prophets,
but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

Gospel Cantic

The song of Zechariah may be sung or said.

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, you promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us,
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Prayers

The following or another form of the prayers may be used.

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn,
bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you--

- for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .
- for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing
and forgiveness . . .
- for the gifts of relationship with others . . .
- for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Other thanksgivings may be added.

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all
your children,

and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray--

- for those who govern nations of the world . . .
- for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .
- for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .
- for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness
and destruction . . .
- for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Other intercessions may be added.

The following prayer is especially appropriate for morning.

Almighty and everlasting God,

you have brought us in safety to this new day.

Preserve us with your mighty power,

that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity.

In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,

bless and preserve us.

Amen.

*Additional materials for daily prayer are available in Evangelical Lutheran
Worship (pp. 295-331) and may supplement this simple order.*

*Daily Lectionary readings may be found at ELCA.org/Lectionary or at
Evangelical Lutheran Worship pp. 1121-1153.*