

Morning and Evening Prayer Third Form

Friends, we have come here to worship God for His greatness, power and glory; to praise and thank Him for His goodness and love to us and especially for sending the Lord Jesus Christ to be our Saviour; to hear His holy word and to pray for His forgiveness, help and guidance.

Introductory Verses

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? **But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

Psalm 130:3-4.

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. **Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.**

Isaiah 55:6-7.

All have turned away, all have become corrupt; **there is no one who does good, not even one.**

Psalm 14:3.

There is now no condemnation; **for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

Romans 8:1.

Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God...**But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come...**so you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.**

Matthew 24:42-44

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**

1 Timothy 1:15

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. **And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.**

1 John 3:16

General Confession

Let us pray to Almighty God together

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed you in our thoughts, words and deeds. Because we are sinners by nature we have strayed from your ways and not only have we done wrong but we have failed to do right. Lord, you alone can forgive sin, have mercy on us, pardon our sins and help us to serve you with our lips and with our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister: Our heavenly Father has promised to forgive all those who truly repent and trust in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord and Saviour. God's word declares that they have been reconciled to him by Christ's death on the cross. In Christ, and through faith in him, we may approach God with freedom and confidence. Christ has made peace between God and His people.

Glory be to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen

Sing to the Lord a new song.

For he has done marvellous things.

Psalm 103 *(or another suitable Psalm or Cantic)*

- ¹ Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- ² Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits –
- ³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶ The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:
- ⁸ the LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
- ⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbour his anger for ever;
- ¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.
¹⁵ The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
¹⁶ the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children –
¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.
¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.
²⁰ Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.
²¹ Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.
²² Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the LORD, my soul.

Prayers of supplication

The Collect for the Day

The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as it is 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.**

Prayer of thanksgiving

O God our heavenly Father, you supply our daily needs by your gracious providence. We praise you for your mercy, forgiveness and deliverance. We declare your loving kindness to us and we ask for you to continue in mercy so that the world may hallow your name and that your will may be done. We give you humble thanks that you have sent bountiful provision for our comfort and for the glory of your holy name through our Saviour and mighty deliverer, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer for our land

God bless Africa,
Give her people strength.
Listen to our prayers.
Lord bless us - the family of Africa.
Stop wars and suffering.
Save our nation - the nation of South Africa.
Lord bless our land,
For Jesus Christ sake.

Amen

Prayer for our church

Heavenly Father, we pray for Christ's holy church that it may be so guided and governed by your Spirit, that all who call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, unity and love. We pray that all who take Christ's name will acknowledge the truth of your holy word and live by it. Bless the family of REACH churches in Southern Africa. Strengthen and sustain its bishops, ministers and those in responsible positions, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for all in need

Almighty, merciful Father, we pray for you to help, deliver and comfort all who are in trouble, sorrow, sickness or in any other need. We remember them now. Give them patience in their sufferings and a deep assurance of your presence. We bless you, for all your servants who have died in your faith and fear; give us grace to follow their example that we may share with them your heavenly kingdom. Grant our prayers, in the name of our advocate and mediator Jesus Christ.

Amen.

For the extension of Christ's Kingdom

Almighty God, the creator and rescuer of all mankind. We humbly implore you for all people everywhere, that you would be pleased to make your ways known to them, your saving power to all nations.

You have called your church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: Help us to so proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Prayer for those in authority

Almighty God, we pray for you to lead the governments of the nations in the way of righteousness and peace. Bless and direct our rulers, especially your servant the President and all in authority in our land. May they rule with wisdom, judge impartially and uphold truth and right. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour.

Amen

Prayer for ourselves

Go before us Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favour, and grant us your constant help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in you we may glorify your Holy Name, and by your mercy receive everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for protection

Merciful God protect us through the dangers of our lives, that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest on your eternal changelessness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Then follow: The announcements.

The hymn/song before the sermon.

Readings from the Old and New Testaments; and the Psalms

Readers begin with, "Hear the Word of God as it is written in..."

And conclude with, "This is God's word to us."

The sermon.

Apostles' Creed *(said together – all standing)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker 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, he died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

**and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit;

**Christ's holy universal church,
the fellowship of Christians,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

The closing hymn/song.

The blessing.