

This is an extract from our Prayer Book.
It has been trimmed to make it as straightforward as possible.

Morning Prayer

FIRST ORDER

INTRODUCTION

1The Sentence of the Day or one of the following may be read.

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Revelation 4.11

3The minister reads one or more of these, or other suitable sentences of Scripture.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Psalm 51.9

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2.13

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

Daniel 9.9–10

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.8–9

4The minister continues

Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins, and not to conceal them from God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his infinite goodness and mercy.

We ought always to admit our sins before God, and especially when we come together to give thanks for the good things we have received

at his hands, to offer the praise that is his due, to hear his holy word, and to ask what is necessary for the body as well as the soul.

Therefore, let us draw near to the throne of our gracious God, as we pray:

5All kneel for a general Confession.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone what we ought to have done,
and we have done what we ought not to have done.
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;
restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant, most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live godly, righteous and sober lives
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

6The priest stands to pronounce the Absolution.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has no pleasure in the death of sinners, but would rather they should turn from their wickedness and live.

He has given authority to his ministers to declare to his people who repent the forgiveness of sins.

God pardons all who truly repent and believe his holy gospel. And so we ask him to grant us true repentance, and his holy Spirit, that what we do now may please him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2.1–2

7 Open our lips, O Lord;
and we shall declare your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

All stand.

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

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

10The first Reading, from the Old Testament...

The Gospel reading...

Sermon

18The Collect for Peace

O God, the author and lover of peace, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend your servants in all assaults of our enemies, that, surely trusting in your defence, we may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

19Morning Collect

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for bringing us safely to this day: keep us by your mighty power, and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but lead and govern us in all things, that we may always do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for all in Authority

Lord God almighty, ruler of the nations of the earth,
give wisdom to the Prime Minister of Australia (N)
[and the *Premier of this State* (N)],
to the members of Parliament (*especially N*)
and to all who hold office in this land.
Grant that their decisions may be based on wise counsel,
so that peace and welfare,
truth and justice may prevail among us,
and make us a blessing to other nations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Church

Almighty and eternal God, you alone work great marvels:
send down your Spirit of saving grace on all Christian people.
Bless our bishops, clergy and congregations:
pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing
that they may truly please you.
Grant this, for the honour of Jesus Christ
our advocate and mediator. **Amen.**

A concluding prayer from the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you
have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you
will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as
may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and
in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**