

## MORNING PRAYER

### Penitential Rite

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon. *Isaiah 55.6, 7*

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts  
confess our sins,  
that we may obtain forgiveness  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is kept.*

*The officiant and people say together,*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours  
as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The DEACON says,*

Almighty God have mercy upon US, pardon and deliver US from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen US in all goodness, and keep US in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Invitatory**

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: O come, let us worship.

### **Venite** *Psalm 95.1–7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his for he made it, \*  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Readings:

Psalm 119:97-120

...Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

## **HOMILY**

### 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. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
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.

### **Intercessions and Thanksgiving – Prayers of the People**

*A deacon or lay member of the community may lead the intercessions and thanksgivings. Intercession or thanksgiving may be offered for*

*the Church  
the Queen and all in authority the world  
the local community  
those in need  
the departed.*

### **The Collect of the Day. A Prayer for Strength**

Eternal God, you create us by your power and redeem us by your love. Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves today in love and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, **let us pray as our Saviour taught us,**

***All* 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 for ever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia**

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.**