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Daily Office: Risen Lord

**Sunday Morning
& Easter**

Becoming present to God

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Risen Lord,
In this place and at this time,
come and stand among us.

Celebrating the presence of God

Lord Jesus Christ,
we greet you
risen from the grave
and alive in our world.
***We give you praise
that through your self-giving love
evil has been conquered
and death defeated.***

We give you thanks
that by your Spirit
you have given us new life
and set your hope in our hearts.
***Radiant Lord,
fill us with that same love,
and grant us grace
to live the life of new creation
as we seek to worship you,
our Lord and our God.***

*A pause to name any specific thanks
or praise*

**Christ the Lord
is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven
in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys
and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens,
and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again
our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death,
is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died
our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory,
O grave? Alleluia**

**Love's redeeming
work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight,
the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain
forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise,
Alleluia!**

**Soar we now
where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our
exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him,
like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross,
the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

Acknowledging our humanity

Life-giving God,
with gladness we acknowledge
that in the death
and resurrection
of Jesus Christ
you have interrupted our lives
with your grace:
a new beginning
has been announced
and the world
will never be the same.

**Forgive us
when we continue to live
in the old ways,
paralyzed with fear,
not daring to believe our eyes,
denying life.**

Living Lord,
come to us,
as you came to your first disciples:
surprise us with your peace
and forgiveness
and continue in us
your work of transformation.

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy

Listening for the Word of God -

From *The Common Lectionary*

Canticle – Optional

Christ our passover
has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old leaven
of corruption and wickedness:
**but with the unleavened bread
of sincerity and truth.**
1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8 (NRSV)

Christ once raised from the dead
dies no more:
**death has no more
dominion over him.**
In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.
See yourselves therefore
as dead to sin:
**and alive to God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Romans 6.9-11 (NRSV)

Christ has been raised
from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.
For as by man came death:
**by man has come also
the resurrection of the dead;**
for as in Adam all die:
**even so in Christ
shall all be made alive.**
1 Corinthians 15.20-22 (NRSV)

Reflecting on our roots

**Living God, enable us this day
to be pilgrims and companions:
committed to the way of Christ,
faithful to the call of Christ,
discerning the mind of Christ,
offering the welcome of Christ,
growing in the likeness of Christ,
engaging in the mission of Christ,
in the world that belongs to Christ.**

Bringing our concerns

Living Lord,
you came to one
who was overwhelmed by grief,
and said, 'Why are you weeping?'

We pray for all who are sorrowful
and experiencing the pain of loss ...

Living Lord,
you came to those who were fearful
and without hope
and said, 'Peace be with you'.

We pray for all who face anxiety
and dejection ...

Living Lord,
you came to one
who had denied you
and said, 'Feed my sheep'.

We pray for all who have
little confidence in their own ability
to serve you faithfully ...

We pray for:
World • Church • People

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.
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.**

Going to love and serve

Lord of Life,
through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead
a door has cracked open
and your new creation
has been set loose in our world.

**By your Spirit,
enable us this day
to participate in his dying and rising
and so share the life of Christ
with all whom we meet. Amen.**

Optional:

+ In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Bringing our concerns

Holy God,
we offer to you
our prayers for the world:

for those who long for good news
and for those
who no longer believe
that good news is possible ...

for those who yearn
to break out of their prisons,
and those who do not realise
the prisons that hold them ...

for those who seek
for truth and wisdom
and those who have
given up the search ...

for those who labour for justice
and those who are
tired of the struggle ...

for those who need to know
God loves them
and those who are hurt
by the Church's failure to love ...

Free Prayer

Holy God,
anoint us with your Spirit
that we might by word
and deed
proclaim your good news
in the name of Christ,
who taught us
when we pray to say ...

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.
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.***

Going to love and serve

God of wind and fire,
as your Spirit was poured out
upon the first disciples,
by your love, rest upon us
as upon all your Church.

***Enlarge our dreams,
and enthuse our minds,
inspire our faith
and empower our resolve,
that growing
in the likeness of Christ,
we may be unafraid to live this day
to your praise and glory.***

Optional: + In the name
of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

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Daily Office: Living Spirit

Monday Morning & Pentecost

Becoming present to God

*Through a sign of attentiveness
like lighting a candle or*

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

Holy God,
whose power is known
through wind, fire,
and still small voice,
***be present with us now,
that as we pray,
our hearts
may burn within us.***

Celebrating the presence of God

Living Spirit,
present in creation,
present in Christ,
present with us now,
***we worship you.
We greet you.***

For each place
that has made us wonder,
every moment
that time has stood still,
we praise you.

For each word
that has spoken truth,
every deed
that has made peace,
we praise you.

For each life
that has touched ours,
every chance
to show your love,
we praise you.

***Living Spirit,
present in creation,
present in Christ,
present with us now
we worship you.
We greet you.***

*A pause to name any specific thanks
or praise*

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart

Breathe, O breathe thy loving
Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee
without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Acknowledging our humanity

Lord Jesus,
you say to your disciples,
'Peace be with you',
and you breathe
your Holy Spirit upon us.

When we find no peace
within ourselves ...
Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy

When we fail to build
the unity of your Church ...
Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy

When we are complicit
in the violence of the world...
Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy

**Risen Lord,
in your forgiving love,
show us again your wounds,
and remind us of the cost
of true discipleship,
that with all God's people
we may commit ourselves
with body, mind and spirit,
to struggle for the peace
you died to bring.**

Listening for the Word of God

From *The Common Lectionary*

Canticle – Optional

Song of God's Children
The law of the Spirit of life
in Christ Jesus
has set you free
from the law of
sin and of death.
**For all who are led
by the Spirit of God
are children of God.**
For you did not receive
a spirit of slavery
to fall back into fear,
but you have received
a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'
**it is that very Spirit
bearing witness
with our spirit
that we are children of God,**
and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God
and joint heirs with Christ—
if, in fact, we suffer with him
so that we may also
be glorified with him.
I consider that the sufferings
of this present time
**are not worth comparing
with the glory
about to be revealed to us.**

For the creation waits
with eager longing
**for the revealing
of the children of God;**

for the creation
was subjected to futility,
not of its own will
but by the will
of the one who subjected it,
**in hope that
the creation itself
will be set free
from its bondage to decay
and will obtain the freedom
of the glory of the children of God.**
Romans 8.2, 14-21 (NRSV)

Reflecting on our roots

**Living God, enable us this day
to be pilgrims and companions:
committed to the way of Christ,
faithful to the call of Christ,
discerning the mind of Christ,
offering the welcome of Christ,
growing in the likeness of Christ,
engaging in the mission of Christ,
in the world that belongs to Christ.**

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Daily Office: Coming Lord

Tuesday Morning and Advent

Becoming present to God

+ In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Ever present God,
***In this place and at this time,
come to us.***

Celebrating the presence of God

Generous God,
we come to you,
the God who comes to us.
We give you praise that
you came in creation,
founding the world and fashioning
human beings in your likeness;
***calling a people into being
and walking alongside them
come what may.***

You came in Jesus Christ
in self-giving love
and in resurrection life.
***You came by your Spirit, making
disciples drunk with grace.***
And you have come to us,
***through friend and stranger,
in joy and in pain,***

*opening our eyes
to the reality of Christ
and playing in ten thousand places.*

***Help us to celebrate your presence
as we seek to make known your
love to the world,
and as we look with hope
to the new creation
which will break in
when you come again.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.***

*A pause to name any specific thanks
or praise*

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and
Whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
when the evening comes.

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul
I worship your holy name.*

You're rich in love
and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great
and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness
I will keep on singing.
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find.

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul
I worship your holy name.*

And on that day
when my strength is failing
The end draws near
and my time has come.
Still my soul will
sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years
and then forever more.

Acknowledging our humanity

God of grace,
we acknowledge before you
That we are not the people
you want us to be,
nor the people we want to be;
***we have marred your image in us,
and tarnished the image
we have of ourselves.***
Come to us with forgiveness
and make whole that which is
broken.
***Fill us afresh with your Spirit
that we might serve you
and your people
with gratitude and joy. Amen.***

Listening for the Word of God

From The Common Lectionary

Canticle – Optional

Zechariah's Song | Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord
the God of Israel,
***who has come to his people
and set them free.***
He has raised up for us
a mighty Saviour,
***born of the house
of his servant David.***
Through his holy prophets
God promised of old
***to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.***
This was the oath God swore
to our father Abraham:
***to set us free from the
hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
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 his way,
***To give his people knowledge
of salvation by the forgiveness
of all 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.*** *Luke 1.68-79*

Reflecting on our roots

***Living God, enable us this day
to be pilgrims and companions:
committed to the way of Christ,
faithful to the call of Christ,
discerning the mind of Christ,
offering the welcome of Christ,
growing in the likeness of Christ,
engaging in the mission of Christ,
in the world that belongs to Christ.***

Bringing our concerns

Advent Lord,
We celebrate your coming
as a human being
and the gift of your presence
by your Spirit.
***With longing for your coming again
when this world will be put to right
and swords shall be beaten
into ploughshares,
and nations shall learn war no more,
we pray for signs of your kingdom
as we bring to you
our concerns today.***

We pray for:

World • Church • People

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.
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.***

Going to love and serve

Engaging in the mission of Christ
this day,
***open our eyes to see his coming,
and guide our feet
to follow in his way.
Amen.***

Optional:

+ In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Going to love and serve

As the Father sent Jesus
into the world,
so he sends me.
Yes and Amen!

Optional:

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

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Daily Office: Incarnate Lord

Wednesday Morning & Christmas

Becoming present to God

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

*Some moments gently repeating:
'I am here, and you are here'*

Celebrating the presence of God

Worldly God,
your Word in season
enters our neighbourhood
bringing grace and truth:
Glory to God in the highest heaven
and on earth peace to all people

Beckoning God,
your child in a manger invites us
to lean close and bow down:
Glory to God in the highest heaven
and on earth peace to all people

Unbounded God,
your angel brings good news
and great joy
to all on the margins:
Glory to God in the highest heaven
and on earth peace to all people

Intimate God,
your power seeds hope for the lowly
and judgement for the proud:
Glory to God in the highest heaven
and on earth peace to all people

Saviour God,
your Spirit gifts one like us,
one of us, one with us,
to save us from ourselves:
Glory to God in the highest heaven
and on earth peace to all people.
Amen

*A pause to name any specific thanks
or praise*

King of kings, Majesty
God of Heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong Deliverer,
beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne

**Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before you now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your Majesty**

Earth and heaven worship you
Love eternal, faithful and true
Who bought the nations,
ransomed souls
Brought this sinner
near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise.

Acknowledging our humanity

Heavenly Father,
in Jesus we discover what it means
to walk by the Spirit
as daughters and sons of God.

When we have taken for granted
the everyday gifts of life:

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy

Where we have failed
to respond to your presence
within, between and around us:

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy

Where we have acted
as though your coming
was only for me and mine:

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy

Silence

Glorious Lord, help us this day
to receive and embody
your grace and truth
for us and for all people:

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy

Listening for the Word

From *The Common Lectionary*

Canticle – Optional

Mary's Song | Magnificat

My soul proclaims
the greatness of the Lord,
**my spirit rejoices
in God my Saviour;**
he has looked with favour
on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations
will call me blessed;**
the Almighty has done
great things for me
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those
who fear him,
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm
**and has scattered the proud
in their conceit,**

Casting down the mighty
from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry
with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid
of his servant Israel,
**to remember his promise of mercy,
The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children
for ever. Luke 1.46-55 (NRSV)**

Reflecting on our roots

**Living God, enable us this day
to be pilgrims and companions:
committed to the way of Christ,
faithful to the call of Christ,
discerning the mind of Christ,
offering the welcome of Christ,
growing in the likeness of Christ,
engaging in the mission of Christ,
in the world that belongs to Christ.**

Bringing our concerns

God of life in all its fullness,
in Jesus you come to give life
and not to destroy it.

You call us to be part of
your healing:
to make peace, pursue justice,
and love mercy;
to bear witness to Christ
anticipating the day
when tears are wiped away,
death, mourning, crying and pain
are no more,
and you are at home
among all people.

God who dwells *within* us,
**move afresh in our lives and
neighbourhood**

God among *the nations*,
**move afresh in our lives
and neighbourhood**

God whose prophetic presence
is at hand,
**move afresh in our lives
and neighbourhood**

(Prayers for World • Church • People)

Through your Spirit,
may broken lives be made whole
and flickering spirits
fanned into flame.
**And so may justice
be brought to victory.
In your name we pray
and put our hope. Amen.**

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.
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.**

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Daily Office: Revealing Lord
Thursday Morning & Epiphany

Becoming present to God

*Through a sign of attentiveness
like lighting a candle or*

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Revealing Lord,
In this place and at this time,
open our eyes to your presence.

Celebrating the presence of God

Radiant God,
in Jesus, your Son,
you have made yourself known
to those who are near
and those who are far off.

***We give you praise
that no-one is beyond the reach
of your love
and that you desire
everyone to be drawn to your light.***

We give you thanks
that your light shines
in all places and towards all peoples
and that your light
has shone in our hearts.

***Help us this day
to walk in the light of your Spirit
as we seek to live for your glory.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

*A pause to name any specific thanks
or praise*

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that thou art -
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father;
and I thy great son,
Thou in me dwelling
and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance,
now and always;
Thou and thou only
the first in my heart,
High King of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven,
my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Acknowledging our humanity

Glorious God,
we confess to backing away
from your brilliance
preferring the shadows
if not the darkness itself
lest your radiance
disclose who we truly are.
Thank you that you treat us tenderly
and that your light brings life.

**Forgive us
when we doubt your goodness
and heal our wounds.
Pour out your Spirit upon us
that we might be lights to the world
and in your service know your joy.
Amen.**

Listening for the Word of God

From *The Common Lectionary*

Canticle - *Optional*

Song of God's Wonderful Deeds
Great and wonderful
are your deeds,
Lord God the Almighty.
Just and true are your ways,
O ruler of the nations.
Who shall not revere
and praise your name, O Lord?
for you alone are holy.
All nations shall come
and worship in your presence:
**for your just dealings
have been revealed.**
Revelation 15.3, 4 (NRSV)

Reflecting on our roots

**Living God, enable us this day
to be pilgrims and companions:
committed to the way of Christ,
faithful to the call of Christ,
discerning the mind of Christ,
offering the welcome of Christ,
growing in the likeness of Christ,
engaging in the mission of Christ,
in the world that belongs to Christ.**

Bringing our concerns

Revealing Lord,
We rejoice in the light
you have brought to our world
and the light you have shed
in our hearts through your Son.
We pray this day
for people and places
overshadowed by the darkness
asking you to shine forth your glory.

We pray for:

- World
- Church
- People

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.
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.**

Going to love and serve

By your Spirit
**help us to grow more
in the likeness of Christ,
bearing his light
as we seek to serve you
in the Church and the world.
Amen.**

Optional:

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

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Daily Office: Suffering God

**Friday Morning
& Lent with Passiontide**

Becoming present to God

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

or

A cross is placed

As this cross draws together
height and depth,
one side and another,
draw us together:

***flesh and spirit,
mind and body,
heart and soul,
that we may know your presence at
the centre of our lives.***

Celebrating the presence of God

God of creation,
present in the darkness
and the light,
in the desert
and the running streams,
We praise you.

Saving God,
present on the cross
and at the empty tomb,
in broken bread

and wine outpoured,
We praise you.

Renewing God,
present in disturbance and comfort,
in struggle and in joy.
We praise you.

***Holy God,
for your love enfolding us
on every side,
holding us through birth and death,
joy and tears,
We praise and worship you.***

*A pause to name any specific thanks
or praise*

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life,
our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten,
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates
of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace
and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Acknowledging our Humanity

Lord Jesus, you call us
to take up our cross and follow.

When we forfeit our soul
to gain the whole world:
Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy**

When we are distracted
from prayer and watchfulness:
Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy**

When we are unfaithful
to the Gospel through denial,
betrayal or aggression:
Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy**

When we shrink
from the implications of love:
Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy**

**Merciful God,
pardon our sin,
and renew in us,
as in all God's people,
the desire to follow Christ's way.
Amen.**

Listening for the Word of God

From *The Common Lectionary*

Canticle – Optional

Zechariah's Song | Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord
the God of Israel,
**who has come to his people
and set them free.**
He has raised up for us
a mighty Saviour,
**born of the house
of his servant David.**
Through his holy prophets
God promised of old
**to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
and to remember his holy covenant.**
This was the oath God swore
to our father Abraham:
**to set us free from the hands
of our enemies,**
Free to worship him without fear,
**holy and righteous in his sight
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 his way,
**To give his people
knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all 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.**
Luke 1.68-79 (NRSV)

Reflecting on our roots

**Living God, enable us this day
to be pilgrims and companions:
committed to the way of Christ,
faithful to the call of Christ,
discerning the mind of Christ,
offering the welcome of Christ,
growing in the likeness of Christ,
engaging in the mission of Christ,
in the world that belongs to Christ.**

Bringing our concerns

Holy God,
we offer to you our prayers
for the world:

For those who suffer
in body, mind or spirit,
and for those who inflict suffering ...

For those who are persecuted
and for those who fuel the machines
of persecution ...

For those who are abandoned
or forgotten
and those who create the nets
through which others fall ...

Free prayer

**Lord God,
As you hear our cry
and respond in love,
enable us to hear the cry of others
and respond with a love
which reflects yours alone. 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.
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.**

Going to love and serve

Holy God, may we live this day
with Christ's call to discipleship
ringing in our ears.

And should this day bring us pain,
we pray that we may meet it
with honesty and hope,
grounded in the knowledge
that even in the darkest place
we may be touched
and changed by your love.

**So may we grasp,
with all your people,
how wide and long,
how high and deep
is the love of Christ,
and be filled
with the very nature of God.
Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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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.***

Going to love and serve

Let us go to love and serve,
knowing that,
***we are created
from love,
of love,
for love.***

Optional:

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

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Daily Office: *Creating God*

Saturday Morning & Creation

Becoming present to God

*Through a sign of attentiveness
like lighting a candle and/or*

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

*Some moments gently repeating:
'I am here, and you are here'*

In him all things in heaven
and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or powers—
***all things have been created
through him and for him.*** (Col. 1.16)

Celebrating the presence of God

Triune God:
community of creative
and outpoured love,
gatherer and shaper of dust,
scatterer and weaver
of beauty and meaning:
***we celebrate your gathering
and scattering***

Blessing God - maker of all:
of diversity in unity,
of individuality and connectedness,
of form, pattern,
light and darkness,
of land and sky,
of streams of living water
and fruitful earth,
of sun and moon and every star,
of fish and bird and every creature,
of female and male to image & bless,
journeying together,
as well as alone:
***we celebrate your gathering
and scattering***

Redeeming God:
mysterious, invisible One,
revealed & imaged in beloved Son;
Fount of all Wisdom
and full of your Spirit;
hearing the cry of wistful creation,
freeing and drawing
all things together,
working all things together for good:
***we celebrate your gathering
and scattering***

*A pause to name any specific thanks
or praise*

Hungry, I come to you
For I know You satisfy
I am empty but I know
Your love does not run dry
So I wait for You
So I wait for You

**I'm falling on my knees
Offering all of me
Jesus, You're all this heart
Is living for**

Broken, I run to You
For Your arms are open wide
I am weary but I know
Your touch restores my life
So I wait for You
So I wait for You

Acknowledging our humanity

Giver of life and all that is good,
all that is very good,
when we have covered our eyes
and stopped our ears
to creation's beauty and cry:

Lord have mercy, ***Christ have mercy***

Where we have stayed our hand
from creation's care and flourishing:

Lord have mercy, ***Christ have mercy***

Silence

Give us grace
to work and live,
play and dance
on earth today
as grateful and joyful
daughters and sons of God,
walking with
and watching over one another
and all things :

Lord have mercy, ***Christ have mercy***

Listening for the Word of God

From *The Common Lectionary*

Canticle - Optional

Song of God's Grace

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
***who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places,***
just as he chose us in Christ
before the foundation of the world
***to be holy and blameless
before him in love.***

He destined us for adoption
as his children through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure
of his will,
***to the praise of his glorious grace
that he freely bestowed on us
in the Beloved.***

In him we have redemption
through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
***according to the riches
of his grace
that he lavished on us.***

With all wisdom and insight
he has made known to us
the mystery of his will,
***according to his good pleasure
that he set forth in Christ,***
as a plan for the fullness of time,
***to gather up all things in him,
things in heaven
and things on earth.***

(Ephesians 1.3-10 NRSV)

Reflecting on our roots

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offering the welcome of Christ,
growing in the likeness of Christ,
engaging in the mission of Christ,
in the world that belongs to Christ.***

Bringing our concerns

God who is gathering
all things together in Christ,
***hear us
as we bring before you
those involved in:***

Everyday caring for creation and
decisions about the environment *

Being creative
through everyday life and work*

Creative expression through the arts
including music, writing,
and other ways *

**a pause for mention of individuals
and groups*