

# Morning Prayer

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## Order of Service

*All say together the sections in **bold** type.*

*+ indicates that you may make the sign of the cross, if you wish.*

*A candle is lit.*

+ **In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*Opening sentences*

**One thing I have asked of the Lord,  
this is what I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house  
of the Lord  
all the days of my life;  
to behold the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek Him in His temple.**

*Prayer of approach and contrition*

*Call* *Who is it that you seek?*  
*Response* **We seek the Lord our God.**

*Call* *Do you seek Him with all  
your heart?*  
*Response* **Amen, Lord, have mercy.**

*Call* *Do you seek Him with all your soul?*  
*Response* **Amen, Lord, have mercy.**

*Call* *Do you seek Him with all  
your mind?*  
*Response* **Amen, Lord, have mercy.**

*Call* *Do you seek Him with all  
your strength?*  
*Response* **Amen, Christ, have mercy**

*Declaration of faith*

**To whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life,  
and we have believed and have come  
to know  
that You are the Holy One of God.  
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory.**

*Psalm*  
*Said together*

## New Testament Reading

## Talk

## Prayers

### 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.

## Canticle

Christ, as a light  
illumine and guide me.  
Christ, as a shield  
overshadow me.  
Christ, under me  
Christ, over me Christ, beside me  
On my left and my right.  
This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.  
Be in the heart of each to whom I  
speak;  
in the mouth of each who speaks unto  
me.  
This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.  
Christ as a light;  
Christ as a shield;  
Christ beside me  
on my left and my right.

## Blessing

*We say the blessing together*

May the peace of the Lord Christ  
go with you,  
wherever He may send you.  
May He guide you through the  
wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.  
May He bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders He has shown you.  
May He bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors.

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