

## AN ORDER FOR MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER FOR AN ECO CHURCH

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it.  
Psalm 24.1

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### Preparation

MORNING PRAYER:

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

EVENING PRAYER:

O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Fill us with the knowledge of your will  
**that we may bear fruit in every good work.**

A hymn/song is sung, music is played, or silence is kept, during which the worship space may be 'greened' – with an altar cloth, a lectern fall, changed lighting, projected image, or other green display brought in or revealed

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth;  
you dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish;  
in your hand is the life of every living thing  
and the breath of every human being;  
As your Son made the multitude to sit down on the green grass  
and fed them with the bread of life,  
make us to lie down in green pastures  
and lead us beside still waters;  
so that, like a tree planted by water,  
which does not fear the heat but whose leaves shall stay green,  
we may be refreshed and sustained in you,  
and honour the everlasting covenant  
you have established with your creation,  
for you have seen that it is very good.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

## The Word of God

### Psalmody

Psalm 65, or another appropriate psalm, is said

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; ♦  
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

**To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; ♦  
when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.**

Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there. ♦  
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,  
even of your holy temple.

**With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, ♦  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

In your strength you set fast the mountains ♦  
and are girded about with might.

**You still the raging of the seas, ♦  
the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.**

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth  
tremble at your marvels; ♦  
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

**You visit the earth and water it; \*  
you make it very plenteous.**

The river of God is full of water; ♦  
you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.

**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; ♦  
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.**

You crown the year with your goodness, ♦  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

**May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness ♦  
and the hills be girded with joy.**

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep ♦  
and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## First Reading

### Canticle

*A Song of Francis of Assisi, or another suitable canticle is said*

*e.g.* – for **MORNING PRAYER** no.45 p597  
– for **EVENING PRAYER** no.74 p632  
(*Common Worship: Daily Prayer*)

Most High, all powerful, good Lord, ♦  
to you be praise, glory, honour and all blessing.

**Only to you, Most High, do they belong ♦  
and no one is worthy to call upon your name.**

May you be praised, my Lord, with all your creatures,  
especially brother sun, ♦  
through whom you lighten the day for us.

**He is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; ♦  
he signifies you, O Most High.**

Be praised, my Lord, for sister moon and the stars: ♦  
clear and precious and lovely, they are formed in heaven.

**Be praised, my Lord, for brother wind; ♦  
for air and clouds, clear skies and all weathers,  
by which you give sustenance to your creatures.**

Be praised, my Lord, for sister water, ♦  
who is very useful and humble and precious and pure.

**Be praised, my Lord, for brother fire,  
by whom the night is illumined for us: ♦  
he is beautiful and cheerful, full of power and strength.**

Be praised, my Lord, for our sister, mother earth,  
who sustains and governs us ♦  
and produces diverse fruits and coloured flowers and grass.

**Be praised, my Lord, by all those who forgive for love of you ♦  
and who bear weakness and tribulation.**

Blessed are those who bear them in peace: ♦  
for you, Most High, they will be crowned.

**Be praised, my Lord, for our sister, the death of the body, ♦  
from which no one living is able to flee;  
woe to those who are dying in mortal sin.**

Blessed are those who are found doing your most holy will, ♦  
for the second death will do them no harm.

**Praise and bless my Lord and give him thanks ♦  
and serve him with great humility.**

## Second Reading

### Responsory

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
**In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power.  
**O Lord, how manifold are your works!**

For you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.  
**In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
**O Lord, how manifold are your works!**  
**In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

*Psalm 104.26; Revelation 4.11*

*MORNING PRAYER:*

**Gospel Canticle**      *Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

*Refrain:*      God saw everything that he had made,  
**and indeed, it was very good.**

*Genesis 1.31*

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*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Refrain:*        **God saw everything that he had made,  
and indeed, it was very good.**

*EVENING PRAYER:*

**Gospel Canticle**        *Magnificat (The Song of Mary)*

*Refrain:*        **God saw everything that he had made,  
and indeed, it was very good.**

*Genesis 1.31*

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*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Refrain: **God saw everything that he had made,  
and indeed, it was very good.**

## **Prayers**

*Intercessions are offered for the Church and for the world*

*This Collect or the Collect of the day is said*

O Lord our God, who brought your people into a good land,  
and sends showers of blessing that the earth shall yield its increase;  
flourish within us your gift of faith  
that, in our worship, our churches, our communities, and our lives,  
we may honour and renew your creation  
and join in obedience with the wind and the waters,  
the wilderness and the desert,  
the birds of the air and the fish of the sea,  
and all created things to give glory and praise  
to the image of the invisible God,  
the first born of all creation,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Filled with awe at the wonders and works of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## The Conclusion

May Christ abide in us that we may bear much fruit. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**