

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

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

*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

'The Word became flesh
and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.' (NRSV)

or

*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*

Acknowledging our humanity

Heavenly Father,
in Jesus we discover what it means
to walk with 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)*

Or

Song of the Son's Glory

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors
**in many and various ways
by the prophets,**
but in these last days
he has spoken to us by a Son,
whom he appointed
heir of all things,
**through whom he also
created the worlds.**
He is the reflection of God's glory
and the exact imprint
of God's very being,
**and he sustains all things
by his powerful word.**
When he had made
purification for sins,
**he sat down at the right hand
of the Majesty on high,**
having become as much superior
to angels
**as the name he has inherited
is more excellent than theirs.**
Hebrews 1.1-4 (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

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** (*especially...*)

God among the nations,
**move afresh in our lives
and neighbourhood** (*especially...*)

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

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.**