

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING
Morning and Evening Prayer for Ordinary Time

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A RATIONALE FOR THE OFFICES

In the years since the publication of *The Book of Alternative Services* many Anglicans have found a renewed interest in regular and structured daily prayer as a means of 'praying without ceasing'. This renewed interest, however, was not served well by how Morning and Evening Prayer were laid out in *The Book of Alternative Services*. A full and satisfying use of the Offices required worshippers to turn numerous times to different pages and then back again. This editorial design meant that many of the riches of the Offices in *The Book of Alternative Services* were not well-used or even well-known.

Other factors have also influenced Daily Prayer in these first decades of the twenty-first century. First, although *The Book of Alternative Services* made some strides in more complementary language for God and more inclusive language for people, many contemporary worshippers desired that more progress be made towards language that is 'faithful and fair'. In this set of offices a balance has been sought between traditional and more inclusive language for God.

Second, in 1992 the Society of Saint Francis published *Celebrating Common Prayer*, a daily prayer book that introduced a new way of structuring the Daily Offices around the liturgical year. This innovative approach, along with a wider selection of canticles and prayers, influenced many Anglicans throughout the world. In 2005 the Church of England published *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* which provides worshippers with daily prayer for every day of the week in ordinary time and daily prayer for the seasons of the liturgical year. This resource has influenced the work of the Liturgy Task Force in preparing this resource for trial use in the Anglican Church of Canada.

While the structure of Morning and Evening Prayer in *The Book of Alternative Services* is the foundation of the offices that follow, *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* has provided both texts and approaches to the offices for each day of the week. Each office is designed so that those who use it for prayer need only move page by page through the office. In keeping with the spirit of *Celebrating Common Prayer*, each weekday has elements linking the day with one of the seasons of the liturgical year: Sunday (Easter), Monday (Pentecost), Tuesday (Advent), Wednesday (Christmas), Thursday (Epiphany), Friday (Lent/Passiontide) and Saturday (All Saints).

May our work enable the people of God pray without ceasing in all times and in all places.

Notes on the Rites

The Gathering of the Community

- ✓ Morning and Evening Prayer begin with a choice of introductory responses from *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*, *The Book of Alternative Services* or *Enriching Our Worship*. The Morning Invitatory Psalm is taken from *Songs for the Holy One*, a Canadian translation of the Psalms into contemporary English by the late Rev'd Thomas Barnett. The Evening Hymn is taken from one of the settings or paraphrases of the *Phos hilaron* in *Common Praise*.

The Proclamation of the Word

- ✓ The Offices have been designed to be used with the Daily Office Lectionary or the Week-day Eucharistic Lectionary of *The Book of Alternative Services*. If the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary is chosen, then the first reading and psalm from Year 1 are used in the morning and the psalm and gospel from Year 2 in the evening. Another resource that may be explored is the *Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings*.
- ✓ Both *The Book of Alternative Services* and *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* have been mined to provide the responsories for the offices.
- ✓ In each office a choice of three canticles is provided. In Morning Prayer one may choose 'The Song of Zechariah', the traditional morning canticle, or one of two canticles taken from the Hebrew or Deuterocanonical Scriptures. In Evening Prayer one may choose 'The Song of Mary', the traditional evening canticle, or one of two New Testament canticles.
- ✓ The two affirmations of faith from *The Book of Alternative Services* have been included in the offices. The text of The Apostles' Creed is taken from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

The Prayers of the Community

- ✓ Each office has a litany and a suggested set of intercessions. These suggested intercessions are taken from *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* or *The Book of Alternative Services*.
- ✓ The concluding collects are all taken from *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*, *The Book of Alternative Services* and *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), but the collect of the day is always an alternative.

The Sending Forth of the Community

- ✓ The concluding sentence are taken from *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*.

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A Penitential Office

The presider may read one of the following sentences of scripture as appropriate to the time of day.

Morning

- ✓ The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Psalm 51.18*
- ✓ Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, who may have mercy on them, and to our God, who will abundantly pardon. *Isaiah 55.7*
- ✓ If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.9*
- ✓ Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you. *Psalm 143.8*

Evening

- ✓ Stay with us, Lord, for evening draws on, and the day is almost over. *Luke 24.29*
- ✓ Seek the one who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the surface of the earth; the Lord is the name of the Holy One. *Amos 5.8*
- ✓ Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8.12*
- ✓ Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake; for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble. *Psalm 143.11*

The presider then says,

Let us confess our sins
against God and our neighbour.

Silence is kept. Then either of the following is said.

God of all mercy,
**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore and strengthen us
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
so that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.** ¹

or

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.** ²

The presider says,

May the God of love and power
forgive *you/us* and free *you/us* from our sins,
heal and strengthen *you/us* by the Holy Spirit
and raise *you/us* to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.** ³

or

Almighty God have mercy upon *you/us*,
pardon and deliver *you/us* from all *your/ours* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you/us* in all goodness,
and keep *you/us* in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** ⁴

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes us for you and our for your.

When this Penitential Office is used, Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer continues with the Introductory Responses.

¹ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 19 alt.

² *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 46.

³ *Common Worship* (2000), 135 alt.

⁴ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 46.

Morning Prayer for Sunday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

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

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us. ⁵

or

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

In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia. ⁶

or

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise
and your glory all day long.

Christ has triumphed over death:

O come let us worship. ⁷

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ⁸

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ⁹

or

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. Alleluia.

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 95.1-7

Come, sing to the Holy One!
Shout for joy to the Rock who defends us!
Come into the Presence with thanksgiving!
Raise our voices in joyful hymns!
Truly the Holy One is a great God,
supreme above all gods,

⁵ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 47.

⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 263.

⁷ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20, 21.

⁸ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

⁹ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

in whose hands are the ends of the earth
and the heights of all the mountains.
The sea belongs to God who made it,
whose hands formed the dry land.
Come, worship and bow down;
kneel in the presence of our Creator.
Truly, truly, our God is the Holy One,
whose people we are,
all in God's pasture.

The following verses may be added.

Now, today, hear the voice of the Holy One:
“Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,
as you did in the wilderness at Massah,
where your ancestors tested me,
put me on trial,
though they had seen my works.
Forty long years I loathed that generation and said,
“These people go astray in their hearts.
They do not know my ways.
Therefore I swore in my wrath,
They shall not enter my restful land.”¹⁰

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.¹¹

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.¹²

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Reading.

¹⁰ Psalm 95 from Barnett and Patriquin, *Songs for the Holy One* (2004).

¹¹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹² *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Set your minds on things that are above,

not on things that are on the earth.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears

you will appear with him in glory.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.¹³

Morning Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

¹³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 117 alt.

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of David' or 'Bless the Lord' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
 you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
 born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, *
 you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
 to show mercy to our forebears,
 and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
 holy and righteous before you, 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 the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of 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. ¹⁴

or

A Song of David (1 Chronicles 29.10b-13, 14b)

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever; *
 for yours is the greatness, the power,
 the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; *
 you are sovereign, O Lord,
 and you are exalted as head over all.
Riches and honour come from you *
 and you rule overall.
In your hand are power and might; *
 yours it is to give power and strength to all.
And now we give you thanks, our God, *
 and praise your glorious name.
For all things come from you, *
 and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵

or

¹⁴ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

¹⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 116 alt.

Bless the Lord (The Song of the Three 29-34)

Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors, *
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed is your holy and glorious name, *
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed are you, in your holy and glorious temple, *
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed are you who look into the depths, *
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed are you, enthroned upon the cherubim, *
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Bless are you on your heavenly throne, *
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
Blessed are you in the heights of heaven, *
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. ¹⁶

After the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁷

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁸

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

¹⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 602 alt.

¹⁷ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹⁸ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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. ¹⁹

or

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these. ²⁰

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Teach us to love others as you have loved us.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Fill the world with your peace and justice.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

¹⁹ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

²⁰ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

Strengthen and relieve those who are in need.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Renew the Church through the power of your life-giving Spirit.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.²¹

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the Church throughout the world;*
- *all who lead the church, ordained and lay;*
- *the leaders of the nations;*
- *the natural world and the resources of the earth;*
- *all who are in any kind of need.*²²

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Source of light, yours is the morning and yours is the evening. May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine for ever in our hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**²³

or

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**²⁴

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

²¹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 117-118 alt.

²² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 362 alt.

²³ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 131 alt.

²⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 119.

**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.**

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**²⁵

²⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2000), 268.

Evening Prayer for Sunday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. ²⁶

or

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia. ²⁷

or

O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
Christ has triumphed over death:
O come let us worship. ²⁸

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ²⁹

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ³⁰

or

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. Alleluia.

The Evening Hymn: 'O Gladsome Light, O Grace'

O gladsome Light, O grace of God the Father's face,
the eternal splendour wearing; celestial, holy, blest,
our Saviour Jesus Christ, joyful in your appearing.

As day fades into night, we see the evening light,
our hymn of praise outpouring, Father of might unknown,
Christ, your incarnate Son, and Holy Spirit adoring.

²⁶ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 66.

²⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 263.

²⁸ *Enriching Our Worship* (1998), 20, 21.

²⁹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

³⁰ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

To you of right belongs all praise of holy songs,
O Son of God, life-giver; you, therefore, O Most High,
the world will glorify, and shall exalt for ever.³¹

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.³²

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.³³

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with the Reading.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

³¹ *Common Praise* (1998) #13.

³² *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

³³ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

The Responsoy

The Responsoy is said or sung.

Lord, you are my light and my salvation;
you are the strength of my life.

**Lord, you are my light and my salvation;
you are the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Lord, you are my light and my salvation;
you are the strength of my life.**

The darkness is passing away
and the true light is already shining.

**Lord, you are my light and my salvation;
you are the strength of my life.**³⁴

Evening Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of the Lamb' or 'A Song of the Heavenly City' may be said or sung.

The Song of Mary (Luke 1.46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, *
for you, Lord, have looked with favour
on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who fear you, *
from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, *
to remember the promise of mercy,

³⁴ *Common Worship* (2005), 122 alt.

the promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever. ³⁵

or

A Song of the Lamb (Revelation 19.1b, 2a, 5b, 6b, 7, 9b)

Salvation and glory and power belong to you, our God, *
whose judgements are true and just.

We who serve you shall praise you; *
we who are in awe of you, great and small.

You reign, O Lord our God, the Almighty: *
we shall rejoice and give you the glory.

For the marriage of the Lamb has come *
and the bride has made herself ready.

Blessed are those who are invited *
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb. ³⁶

or

A Song of the Heavenly City (Revelation 21.22-26; 22.1, 2b, d, 3b, 4)

I say no temple in the city, *
for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, *
for the glory of God is its light,
and its lamp is the Lamb.

By its light the nations shall walk, *
and the rulers of the earth
shall bring their glory into it.

Its gates shall never be shut by day,
nor shall there be any night, *
they shall bring into it
the glory and honour of the nations.

I saw the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, *
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

And either side of the river stood the tree of life,
yielding its fruit each month, *
and the leaves of the tree
were for the healing of the nations.

The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there,
and the servants of God shall worship the Holy One; *
and they shall see the divine face
whose name shall be on their foreheads. ³⁷

After the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ³⁸

³⁵ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

³⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005) 121 alt.

³⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 632 alt.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ³⁹

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.** ⁴⁰

or

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

³⁸ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

³⁹ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

⁴⁰ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.** ⁴¹

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Save your people, O Hope of the poor,
and bless your inheritance.
Govern and uphold them now and always.

Day by day, we bless you.
We praise your name for ever.

Keep us this night from all sin.
Have mercy on us, have mercy.

We long for your salvation:
grant us understanding, so that we may live.

Show us your love and mercy,
for we put our trust in you.

In you is our hope;
let us not be confounded at the last. ⁴²

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the Church throughout the world;*
- *all who lead the church, ordained and lay;*
- *the leaders of the nations;*
- *the natural world and the resources of the earth;*
- *all who are in any kind of need.* ⁴³

⁴¹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

⁴² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 397 alt.

⁴³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 362 alt.

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Lord God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**⁴⁴

or

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**⁴⁵

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Evening Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**⁴⁶

⁴⁴ *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), 123 alt.

⁴⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 124.

Morning Prayer for Monday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

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

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us. ⁴⁷

or

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

and clothe us with power from on high. ⁴⁸

or

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise

and your glory all the day long.

You send forth your Spirit

and renew the face of the earth. ⁴⁹

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ⁵⁰

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ⁵¹

or

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. Alleluia.

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 24

The world and everything in it belongs to the Holy One,
so too the fertile world and all who live there.

The Most High founded it on the ocean of chaos,
fixed it firmly among the rivers.

Who may ascend the mountain of God?

Who may stand in that holy place?

⁴⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2000), 268.

⁴⁷ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 47.

⁴⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 278 alt.

⁴⁹ *Enriching Our Worship* (1998), 20 with Psalm 104.31 from *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 845.

⁵⁰ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

⁵¹ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Those with clean hands and pure hearts,
 who have not given themselves to falsehood,
 nor sworn deceitful oaths.
They shall receive blessing from the Holy One,
 and true justice from the saving, helping God.
Such are they who look to you,
 who seek your presence, O God of Jacob.
O you gates, lift up your heads;
 be lifted up you everlasting doors,
 that the glorious Majesty may come in!
Who is this glorious Majesty?
 It is the Holy One, great in power and might,
 the Holy One mighty in battle.
O you gates, lift up your heads;
 be lifted up, you everlasting doors,
 that the glorious Majesty may enter in!
Who is this glorious Majesty?
 It is the Holy One, ruler of hosts,
 who is indeed the glorious Monarch.⁵²

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.⁵³

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.⁵⁴

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Reading.

⁵² Psalm 24 in Barnett and Patriquin, *Songs for the Holy One* (2004).

⁵³ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

⁵⁴ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge the Lord
who will make straight your paths.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**⁵⁵

Morning Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Deliverance' or 'A Song of Ezekiel' may be said or sung.

⁵⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 128 alt.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, *
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, 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 the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of 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. ⁵⁶

or

A Song of Deliverance (Isaiah 12.2-6)

'Behold, God is our salvation, *
in whom we will trust and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is our strength and our song, *
and has become our salvation.'
With joy we shall draw water *
from the wells of salvation.
On that day we shall say, *
'We give thanks to you, O Lord,
and call upon your name.
We shall make known your deeds among the nations, *
proclaiming that your name is exalted.
Let us sing the praises of the Lord who has triumphed gloriously; *
let this be known in all the world.
Shout and sing for joy, all that dwell in Zion,
for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.' ⁵⁷

or

A Song of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36.24-26, 28b)

I will take you from the nations, *
and gather you from all the countries.

⁵⁶ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

⁵⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 127 alt.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, *
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.
A new heart I will give you, *
and put a new spirit within you,
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone *
and give you a heart of flesh.
You shall be my people, *
and I will be your God. ⁵⁸

After the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ⁵⁹

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ⁶⁰

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

⁵⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 591.

⁵⁹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

⁶⁰ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

**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.** ⁶¹

or

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.** ⁶²

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

O God of our salvation, guard and direct your church
in the way of unity, service and praise.
God our strength, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.
God our strength, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness,
and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.
God our strength, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise
so that all may share the good things you provide.
God our strength, hear our prayer.

⁶¹ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

⁶² *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill
for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.
God our strength, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.
God our strength, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying
and your comfort to those who mourn.
God our strength, hear our prayer.⁶³

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the media and the arts;*
- *farming and fishing;*
- *commerce and industry;*
- *those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger;*
- *all who are unemployed.*⁶⁴

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Eternal God, you create us by your power and redeem us by your love. Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, so that we may give ourselves today in love and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**⁶⁵

or

Lord our God, as with all creation we offer you the life of this new day, give us grace to love and serve you to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**⁶⁶

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

⁶³ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 112 alt.

⁶⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 362.

⁶⁵ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 130 alt.

⁶⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 130.

**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.**

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. **Amen.**⁶⁷

⁶⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2000), 283.

Evening Prayer for Monday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. ⁶⁸

or

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and clothe your people with power from on high. ⁶⁹

or

O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
You send forth your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth. ⁷⁰

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ⁷¹

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ⁷²

or

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. Alleluia.

The Evening Hymn: 'O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ'

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
in you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is God,
and blest are you God's holy Son.

⁶⁸ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 66.

⁶⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 284 alt.

⁷⁰ *Enriching Our Worship* (1998), 20 with Psalm 104.31 from *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 845.

⁷¹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

⁷² *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth;
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Author, Word, and Spirit: God
who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise,
O Word of God, life-giving Lord,
wherefore you are through all the earth
and in the highest heaven adored.⁷³

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.⁷⁴

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.⁷⁵

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with the Reading.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

⁷³ *Common Praise* (1998) #14 alt.

⁷⁴ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

⁷⁵ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.
**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge the Lord
who will make straight your paths.
**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding.
**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**⁷⁶

Evening Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of God's Grace' or 'A Song of God's Children' may be said or sung.

The Song of Mary (Luke 1.46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, *
for you, Lord, have looked with favour
on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.
You have mercy on those who fear you, *
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

⁷⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 128 alt.

casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, *
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever. ⁷⁷

or

A Song of God's Grace (Ephesians 1.3-10)

Blessed are you, *
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for you have blessed us in Christ Jesus
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
You chose us to be yours in Christ
before the foundation of the world, *
so that we should be holy and blameless before you.
In love you destined us for adoption as your children
through Jesus Christ, *
according to the purpose of your will,
to the praise of your glorious grace, *
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ, *
the forgiveness of our sins,
according to the riches of your grace, *
which you have lavished upon us.
You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,
according to your purpose which you have set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth. ⁷⁸

or

A Song of God's Children (Romans 8.2, 14, 15b-19)

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus *
has set us free from the law of sin and death.
All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God; *
for we have received the Spirit that enables us to cry, 'Abba, Father'.
The self-same Spirit bears witness that we are children of God, *
and if God's children, then heirs of God;
if heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ; *
since we suffer with him now, that we may be glorified with him.
These sufferings that we now endure *
are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed.

⁷⁷ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

⁷⁸ *Common Worship* (2005), 133.

For the creation waits with eager longing *
for the revealing of the children of God. ⁷⁹

After the Canticle of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ⁸⁰

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ⁸¹

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.** ⁸²

or

⁷⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 615 alt.

⁸⁰ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

⁸¹ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

⁸² *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.** ⁸³

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Show us your mercy, O God;
and grant us your salvation.

Ruler of all, save the Queen;
and teach her counsellors wisdom.

Let your bishops, priests and deacons be clothed with righteousness;
let your faithful people sing with joy.

Let your ways be known upon earth;
your saving health among all nations.

Give your people the blessing of peace;
and may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us. ⁸⁴

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

⁸³ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

⁸⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 397 alt.

- *the media and the arts;*
- *farming and fishing;*
- *commerce and industry;*
- *those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger;*
- *all who are unemployed.* ⁸⁵

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.** ⁸⁶

or

Kindle in our hearts, O God, the flame of love which never ceases, so that it may burn in us, giving light to others. May we shine for ever in your temple, set on fire with your eternal light, even your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Redeemer. **Amen.** ⁸⁷

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Evening Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

⁸⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 362.

⁸⁶ *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), 123 alt.

⁸⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 136 alt.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. **Amen.**⁸⁸

⁸⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2000), 283.

Morning Prayer for Tuesday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

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

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us. ⁸⁹

or

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

Reveal among us the light of your presence
that we may behold your power and glory. ⁹⁰

or

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise
and your glory all the day long.

Our God and Saviour draws near:

O come let us worship. ⁹¹

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ⁹²

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ⁹³

or

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. Alleluia.

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 63.1-8

Holy One, my God, how I needed you!
My very soul thirsted for you!
My body fainted with longing for you,
like a dry and waterless desert.
Then I saw you in the holy place,
gazing on your power and glory.

⁸⁹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 47.

⁹⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 198.

⁹¹ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

⁹² *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

⁹³ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Surely your faithful love is better than life itself!
My lips proclaim your praise.
Therefore I shall bless you all my life,
in your name lift up my hands in prayer.
You satisfy my body with richest food.
My lips shout your praise.
On my bed, when I think of you,
I meditate upon you in the night watches.
For you have always been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.⁹⁴

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.⁹⁵

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.⁹⁶

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Reading.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

⁹⁴ Psalm 63.1-8 in Barnett and Patriquin, *Songs for the Holy One* (2004).

⁹⁵ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

⁹⁶ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Open my eyes, O Lord,
so that I may see the wonders of your law.
**Open my eyes, O Lord,
so that I may see the wonders of your law.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments
for that is my desire.
**Open my eyes, O Lord,
so that I may see the wonders of your law.**

Remember your word to your servant,
because you have given me hope.
**Open my eyes, O Lord,
so that I may see the wonders of your law.**⁹⁷

Morning Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Peace' or 'A Song of God's Chosen One' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)
Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
 you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
 born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, *
 you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
 to show mercy to our forebears,
 and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

⁹⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 140 alt.

free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, 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 the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of 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. ⁹⁸

or

A Song of Peace (Isaiah 2.3-5)

Come, let us go up to the mountain of God, *
to the house of the God of Jacob;
So that God may teach us the divine ways, *
and so we may walk in those paths.
For the law shall go out from Zion, *
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
God shall judge between the nations, *
and shall mediate for many peoples.
They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, *
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, *
neither shall they learn war any more.
O people of Jacob, come; *
let us walk in the light of the Lord. ⁹⁹

or

A Song of God's Chosen One (Isaiah 11.1-2, 2, 3b-4a, 6, 9)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stock of Jesse, *
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, *
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might, *
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see, *
or decide by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, *
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, *
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.
The calf, the lion and the fatling together, *
with a little child to lead them.

⁹⁸ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

⁹⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 139 alt.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, *
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.¹⁰⁰

After the Canticle of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.¹⁰¹

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.¹⁰²

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**¹⁰³

¹⁰⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 577.

¹⁰¹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹⁰² *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

¹⁰³ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

or

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.** ¹⁰⁴

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

God of Jacob, may all who call themselves Christians
become a priestly people to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.
God of compassion, teach us your ways.

May *N* our bishop and all bishops and other ministers
remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.
God of compassion, teach us your ways.

May Elizabeth our Queen, the leaders of the nations and all in authority
lead their peoples into quiet and peaceable lives.
God of compassion, teach us your ways.

Show your good will to all who live in this *city*, the poor and the rich,
the elderly and the young, men and women.
God of compassion, teach us your ways.

Help and defend the victims of our society
and those who minister to them.
God of compassion, teach us your ways.

¹⁰⁴ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

Strengthen the faith of those who are preparing for baptism and for those who have been recently baptized.

God of compassion, teach us your ways.

Count us among all your faithful witnesses:
all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times,
prophets, apostles, martyrs and those whose names are known to you alone.

God of compassion, teach us your ways.¹⁰⁵

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *all who are sick in body, mind or spirit;*
- *those in the midst of famine or disaster;*
- *victims of abuse and violence;*
- *those who are bereaved;*
- *all who work in the medical and healing professions.*¹⁰⁶

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being. Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, so that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**¹⁰⁷

or

Eternal God and Father, you create and redeem us by the power of your love: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, so that we may give ourselves in love and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**¹⁰⁸

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

¹⁰⁵ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 112-113 alt.

¹⁰⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 362.

¹⁰⁷ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 130 alt.

¹⁰⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 142 alt.

**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.**

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the Lord find us watching and waiting for Christ's coming. **Amen.**¹⁰⁹

¹⁰⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 204 alt.

Evening Prayer for Tuesday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. ¹¹⁰

or

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Reveal among us the light of your presence
so that we may behold your power and glory. ¹¹¹

or

O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
Our God and Saviour draws near:
O come let us worship. ¹¹²

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ¹¹³

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ¹¹⁴

or

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. Alleluia.

The Evening Hymn: 'Light of the Word, in Grace and Beauty'

Light of the world, in grace and beauty,
mirror of God's eternal face,
transparent flame of love's free duty,
you bring salvation to our race.

¹¹⁰ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 66.

¹¹¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 205 alt.

¹¹² *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

¹¹³ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹¹⁴ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Now as we see the lights of evening
we raise our voice in hymns of praise:
worthy are you of endless blessing,
sun of our night, lamp of our days.¹¹⁵

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.¹¹⁶

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.¹¹⁷

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with the Reading.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

¹¹⁵ *Common Praise* (1998) #15.

¹¹⁶ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹¹⁷ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Open my eyes, O Lord
so that I may see the wonders of your law.
Open my eyes, O Lord
so that I may see the wonders of your law.

Lead me in the path of your commandments
for that is my desire.
Open my eyes, O Lord
so that I may see the wonders of your law.

Remember your word to your servant,
because you have given me hope.
Open my eyes, O Lord
so that I may see the wonders of your law. ¹¹⁸

Evening Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of the Holy City' or may be said or sung.

The Song of Mary (Luke 1.46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, *
for you, Lord, have looked with favour
on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.
You have mercy on those who fear you, *
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, *
to remember the promise of mercy,

¹¹⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 140 alt.

the promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever. ¹¹⁹

or

A Song of the Holy City (Revelation 21.1-5a)

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, *
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away
and the sea was no more.
And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God, *
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, *
'Behold the dwelling place of God is among mortals.
The Lord will dwell with them and they shall be the peoples of God, *
and God, our God, will be with them.
The Lord will wipe every tear from their eyes, *
and death shall be no more.
Neither shall there be mourning,
nor crying, nor pain any more, *
for the former things have passed away.'
And the One who sat upon the throne said, *
'Behold, I make all things new.' ¹²⁰

or

A Song of the Lamb (Revelation 19.1b, 2a, 5b, 6b, 7, 9b)

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, *
whose judgements are true and just.
Praise our God, all you servants of the Holy One, *
all who fear the Lord, both small and great.
The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns: *
let us rejoice and exult and give glory to God.
For the marriage of the Lamb has come, *
and his bride has made herself ready.
Blessed are those who are invited, *
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb. ¹²¹

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹²²

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹²³

¹¹⁹ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

¹²⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005) 144-145 alt.

¹²¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 630 alt.

¹²² *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹²³ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.** ¹²⁴

or

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

¹²⁴ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.** ¹²⁵

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and lead us in the path of your commandments.

Keep our nation under your care;
and guide us in justice and truth.

Deal graciously with your servants;
teach us discernment and knowledge.

Let not those in need be forgotten;
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Guide the meek in judgement;
and teach your ways to the gentle.

Remember your people;
whom you have redeemed of old. ¹²⁶

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- all who are sick in body, mind or spirit;*
- those in the midst of famine or disaster;*
- victims of abuse and violence;*
- those who are bereaved;*
- all who work in the medical and healing professions.* ¹²⁷

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

¹²⁵ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

¹²⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 398 alt.

¹²⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 362.

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love our your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen. ¹²⁸

or

Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening, and day is drawing to a close. Abide with us and with your whole Church, in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world; abide with us and with all your faithful ones, O Lord, in time and in eternity. **Amen.** ¹²⁹

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Evening Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the Lord find us watching and waiting for Christ's coming. **Amen.** ¹³⁰

¹²⁸ *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), 123 alt.

¹²⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 147.

¹³⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 204 alt.

Morning Prayer for Wednesday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

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

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us. ¹³¹

or

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

You laid the foundations of the earth
and the heavens are the work of your hands. ¹³²

or

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise
and your glory all the day long.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

O come let us worship. ¹³³

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ¹³⁴

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ¹³⁵

or

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. Alleluia.

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 145.1-10

My sovereign God, I must exalt you;
I must bless your Name for ever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and everlastingly praise your Name.
Great are you, Holy One,
most worthy of praise, grand beyond all knowing.

¹³¹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 47.

¹³² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 214.

¹³³ *Enriching Our Worship* (1998), 20 and *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 48.

¹³⁴ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹³⁵ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Generation on generation shall praise your works
and proclaim your mighty power.
They will declare your glorious majesty.
I will meditate on your marvellous works.
They will speak of the power of your awesome acts.
I will proclaim your greatness.
They will pour out memories of your great goodness
and loudly praise your true justice.
You are gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and filled with faithful love.
You, O Holy One, are good to everyone;
compassion abounds in your every act.
All your works praise you;
your loving, faithful people bless you. ¹³⁶

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹³⁷

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹³⁸

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Reading.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

¹³⁶ Psalm 145.1-10 in Barnett and Patriquin, *Songs for the Holy One* (2004) alt.

¹³⁷ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹³⁸ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;
you hold me by my hand.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

I will speak of all your works
in the gates of the city of Zion.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.** ¹³⁹

Morning Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of the Lord's Anointed' or 'A Song of the Bride' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
 you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
 born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, *
 you promised of old to save us from our enemies,

¹³⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 152 alt.

from the hands of all who hate us, *
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, 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 the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of 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. ¹⁴⁰

or

A Song of the Lord's Anointed (Isaiah 61.1-3, 11, 6a)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me *
because God has anointed me,
sending me to bring good news to the oppressed, *
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives, *
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, *
to comfort all who mourn,
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning, *
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit,
so that they may be called oaks of righteousness, *
the planting of the Lord, so that God may be glorified.
For as the earth puts forth her blossom, *
and as seeds in the garden spring up,
so shall the Lord make righteousness and praise *
blossom before all nations.
You shall be called priests of the Lord; *
they shall speak of you as ministers of our God. ¹⁴¹

or

A Song of the Bride (Isaiah 61.10, 11; 62.1-3)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, *
my soul shall exult in my God;
who has clothed me with the garments of salvation, *
and has covered me with the cloak of integrity,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, *
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹⁴⁰ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

¹⁴¹ *Common Praise: Daily Prayer* (2005), 586 alt.

For as the earth puts forth its blossom, *
and as seeds in the garden spring up,
so shall God make righteousness and praise *
blossom before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I shall not keep silent, *
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until its deliverance shines out like the dawn, *
and its salvation as a burning torch.
For nations shall see your deliverance, *
and all rulers shall see your glory;
then you shall be called by a new name *
which the mouth of God will give.
You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, *
a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ¹⁴²

After the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁴³

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁴⁴

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

¹⁴² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 587.

¹⁴³ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹⁴⁴ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.** ¹⁴⁵

or

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.** ¹⁴⁶

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Liberator of the peoples, fill all who confess the name of Christ
with the power your Holy Spirit.
Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.

Be the joy and the strength of all
whose lives are bound in mutual love
and for those who live in celibacy.
Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.

¹⁴⁵ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

¹⁴⁶ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

Grant your salvation to all who are far from home,
prisoners, exiles and victims of oppression.
Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.

Show your kindness and mercy to all who are facing trials and difficulties,
to those who are sick and to those who are dying.
Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.

Forgive our sins and set us free from all hardship,
distress, want, war and injustice.
Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.

Guide us into new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth,
so that we may live by the abundance of your mercies.
Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.

Strengthen us in our struggle
against exploitation, greed and lack of concern,
so that we may find joy together.
Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.

Unite us in love and service,
so that we may live in communion with all Christ's saints.
Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.¹⁴⁷

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- the social services;*
- all who work in the criminal justice system;*
- victims and perpetrators of crime;*
- the work of aid agencies throughout the world;*
- those living in poverty or under oppression.*¹⁴⁸

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from the assaults of our enemies, so that we may trust in your defence, and not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**¹⁴⁹

or

¹⁴⁷ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 113-114 alt.

¹⁴⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 362.

¹⁴⁹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 130 alt.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**¹⁵⁰

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May God, who has called us out of darkness into the marvellous light of Christ, bless us and fill us with peace. **Amen.**¹⁵¹

¹⁵⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 119.

¹⁵¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2000), 219 alt.

Evening Prayer for Wednesday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. ¹⁵²

or

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Reveal among us the light of your presence
so that we may behold your power and glory. ¹⁵³

or

O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:
O come let us worship. ¹⁵⁴

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ¹⁵⁵

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ¹⁵⁶

or

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. Alleluia.

The Evening Hymn: 'O Light, Whose Splendour Thrills'

O Light, whose splendour thrills and gladdens
with radiance brighter than the sun,
pure gleam of God's unending glory,
O Jesus, blest Anointed One;

¹⁵² *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 66.

¹⁵³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 205 alt.

¹⁵⁴ *Enriching Our Worship* (1998), 20 and *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 48.

¹⁵⁵ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹⁵⁶ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

as twilight hovers near at sunset,
and lamps are lit, and children nod,
in evening hymns we lift our voices
to Author, Spirit, Word: one God.

In all life's brilliant, timeless moments,
let faithful voices sing your praise,
O Word of God, our life-bestower,
whose glory lightens endless days.¹⁵⁷

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.¹⁵⁸

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.¹⁵⁹

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with the Reading.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

¹⁵⁷ *Common Praise* (1998) #16 alt.

¹⁵⁸ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹⁵⁹ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.
**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;
you hold me by my hand.
**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

I will speak of all your works
in the gates of the city of Zion.
**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**¹⁶⁰

Evening Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of Praise' or 'A Song of Christ's Glory' may be said or sung.

The Song of Mary (Luke 1.46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, *
for you, Lord, have looked with favour
on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.
You have mercy on those who fear you, *
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

¹⁶⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 152 alt.

casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, *
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever. ¹⁶¹

or

A Song of Praise (Revelation 4.11; 5.9b, 10)

You are worthy, our Lord and God, *
to receive glory and honour and power.
For you have created all things, *
and by your will they have their being.
You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, *
and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and nation.
You have made them a priestly people serving our God, *
and they will reign with you on earth. ¹⁶²

or

A Song of Christ's Glory (Philippians 2.5-11)

Christ Jesus was in the form of God, *
but he did not cling to equality with God.
He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *
and was born in our human likeness.
Being found in human form he humbled himself, *
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him, *
and bestowed on him the name above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, *
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *
to the glory of God the Father. ¹⁶³

After the Canticle of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁶⁴

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁶⁵

¹⁶¹ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

¹⁶² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005) 627 alt.

¹⁶³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005) 619.

¹⁶⁴ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹⁶⁵ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.** ¹⁶⁶

or

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

¹⁶⁶ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.** ¹⁶⁷

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Creator of all, open a path for your Word
to declare the mystery of Christ.

Turn now, O God of hosts;
behold and tend the vine you have planted.

May your people rejoice and sing,
and your ministers be clothed with salvation.

May they stand and feed your flock
in the strength of your name.

Keep from trouble all those who trust in you
and forget not the poor for ever.

Have mercy upon us,
as we have put our hope in you. ¹⁶⁸

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- the social services;*
- all who work in the criminal justice system;*
- victims and perpetrators of crime;*
- the work of aid agencies throughout the world;*
- those living in poverty or under oppression.* ¹⁶⁹

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

¹⁶⁷ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

¹⁶⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 398.

¹⁶⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 362.

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**¹⁷⁰

or

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**¹⁷¹

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Evening Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May God, who has called us out of darkness into the marvellous light of Christ, bless us and fill us with peace. **Amen.**¹⁷²

¹⁷⁰ *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), 124 alt.

¹⁷¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 160.

¹⁷² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2000), 219 alt.

Morning Prayer for Thursday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

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

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us. ¹⁷³

or

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

Your light springs up for the righteous
and all peoples have seen your glory. ¹⁷⁴

or

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise
and your glory all the day long.

Christ has shown forth his glory:

O come let us worship. ¹⁷⁵

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ¹⁷⁶

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ¹⁷⁷

or

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. Alleluia.

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 67

O Holy One,
 be gracious to us and bless us;
let your face shine among us,
 so that your way may be known in the world,
 your saving help among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God.
 Indeed, let all peoples praise you.

¹⁷³ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 47.

¹⁷⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 226.

¹⁷⁵ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

¹⁷⁶ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹⁷⁷ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge with truth and justice,
and guide the nations of the world.
Let the peoples praise you, Holy One.
Indeed, let all peoples praise you.
May the earth yield its harvest.
May the Holy One, our God, bless us.
May God bless us,
and all the ends of the earth revere the Holy One. ¹⁷⁸

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁷⁹

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁸⁰

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Reading.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

¹⁷⁸ Psalm 67 in Barnett and Patriquin, *Songs for the Holy One* (2004).

¹⁷⁹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹⁸⁰ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.
Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.
Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

You are precious in my sight and I love you.
Do not fear, for I am with you.
Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine. ¹⁸¹

Morning Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of the Covenant' or 'A Song of Tobit' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
 you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
 born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, *
 you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
 to show mercy to our forebears,
 and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

¹⁸¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 164 alt.

free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, 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 the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of 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. ¹⁸²

or

A Song of the Covenant (Isaiah 42.5-8a)

Thus says God, who created the heavens, *
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;
who gives breath to the people upon it *
and spirit to those who walk in it,
'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness, *
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people, *
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the captives from the dungeon, *
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name; *
my glory I give to no other.' ¹⁸³

or

A Song of Tobit (Tobit 13.1, 3, 4, 6a)

Blessed be God, who lives for ever, *
whose reign endures throughout all ages.
Declare God's praise before the nations, *
you who are the children of Israel.
For if our God has scattered you among them, *
there too has the Lord shown you the divine greatness.
Exalt God in the sight of the living, *
because the Holy One is our Lord and God for ever.
God will gather you from every nation, *
from wherever you have been scattered.
See what the Lord has done for you *
and give thanks with a loud voice.
Praise the Lord of righteousness *
and exalt the Sovereign of the ages. ¹⁸⁴

After the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

¹⁸² *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

¹⁸³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 163.

¹⁸⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 596 alt.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁸⁵

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁸⁶

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.** ¹⁸⁷

or

¹⁸⁵ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹⁸⁶ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

¹⁸⁷ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.** ¹⁸⁸

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Creator of the heavens, lead all peoples into a common life
of justice, faith and peace:
Giver of breath, hear our prayer.

Inspire the Queen, the Governor General, the Prime Minister
and all in authority to serve the people of this country
according to your holy will:
Giver of breath, hear our prayer.

Guide the growth and development of all children and young people:
Giver of breath, hear our prayer.

Deliver and keep the sick in your love:
Giver of breath, hear our prayer.

Support and keep steadfast all who for the sake of justice and truth
have been condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment or hard labour:
Giver of breath, hear our prayer.

¹⁸⁸ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

Direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice
as shown by the prophets, apostles, martyrs
and all who have borne witness to the gospel:

Giver of breath, hear our prayer. ¹⁸⁹

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *local government and community leaders;*
- *all who provide local services;*
- *those who work with young and elderly people;*
- *schools, colleges and universities;*
- *emergency and rescue services and organizations.* ¹⁹⁰

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Creator of the universe, the light of your glory shines in the darkness of our lives. Make us attentive to your presence, prompt to serve you and ever eager to follow in the steps of the one who is our true light, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.** ¹⁹¹

or

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of our enemies; so that we, surely trusting in your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** ¹⁹²

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

¹⁸⁹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 114-115 alt.

¹⁹⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 363 alt.

¹⁹¹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 131.

¹⁹² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 166 alt.

**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.**

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.¹⁹³

¹⁹³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 231 alt.

Evening Prayer for Thursday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. ¹⁹⁴

or

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Your light springs up for the righteous
and all peoples have seen your glory. ¹⁹⁵

or

O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
Christ has shown forth his glory:
O come let us worship. ¹⁹⁶

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ¹⁹⁷

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ¹⁹⁸

or

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. Alleluia.

The Evening Hymn: 'Christ, Mighty Saviour'

Christ, mighty Saviour, Light of all creation,
you make the daytime radiant with sunlight
and to the night give glittering adornment,
stars in the heavens.

¹⁹⁴ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 66.

¹⁹⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 226.

¹⁹⁶ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

¹⁹⁷ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹⁹⁸ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Now comes the day's end as the sun is setting:
mirror of daybreak, pledge of resurrection;
while in the heavens choirs of stars appearing
hallow the nightfall.

Therefore we come now, evening rites to offer,
joyfully chanting holy hymns to praise you,
with all creation joining hearts and voices
singing your glory.

Give heed, we pray you, to our supplication:
that you may grant us pardon for offences,
strength for our weak hearts, rest for aching bodies,
soothing the weary.

Though bodies slumber, hearts shall keep their vigil,
forever resting in the peace of Jesus,
in light or darkness worshipping our Saviour
now and forever.¹⁹⁹

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁰⁰

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁰¹

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with the Reading.

¹⁹⁹ *Common Praise* (1998) #17.

²⁰⁰ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁰¹ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

You are precious in my sight and I love you.

Do not fear, for I am with you.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine. ²⁰²

Evening Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'Great and Wonderful' or 'A Song of Christ's Appearing' may be said or sung.

²⁰² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 164 alt.

The Song of Mary (Luke 1.46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, *
for you, Lord, have looked with favour
on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who fear you, *
from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, *
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever. ²⁰³

or

Great and Wonderful (Revelation 15.3, 4)

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? *
You alone are holy.

All nations shall come and worship in your presence; *
for your just dealings have been revealed. ²⁰⁴

or

A Song of Christ's Appearing (1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15a, 16)

Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh *
and vindicated in the spirit.

He was seen by angels *
and proclaimed among the nations.

Believed in throughout the world, *
he was taken up in glory.

This will be made manifest at the proper time *
by the blessed and only Sovereign,
who alone has immortality, *
and dwells in unapproachable light. ²⁰⁵

²⁰³ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

²⁰⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005) 169 alt.

²⁰⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 621 alt.

After the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁰⁶

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁰⁷

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**²⁰⁸

or

²⁰⁶ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁰⁷ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

²⁰⁸ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these. ²⁰⁹

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Send forth your strength, O God;
establish what you have wrought in us.

Uphold all those who fall
and raise up those who are bowed down.

Open the eyes of the blind
and set the prisoners free.

Sustain the orphan and widowed
and give food to those who hunger.

Grant them the joy of your help again
and sustain them with your Spirit.

Giver of peace, judge the peoples
and take all nations for your own. ²¹⁰

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

²⁰⁹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

²¹⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 399 alt.

- *local government and community leaders;*
- *all who provide local services;*
- *those who work with young and elderly people;*
- *schools, colleges and universities;*
- *emergency and rescue services and organizations.*²¹¹

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, so that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.

Amen.²¹²

or

O God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements and all just works: give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give; so that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments and, freed from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**²¹³

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Evening Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

²¹¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 363 alt.\

²¹² *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), 124 alt.

²¹³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 172 alt.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.²¹⁴

²¹⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 231 alt.

Morning Prayer for Friday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

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

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us. ²¹⁵

or

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

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
according to your judgement give us life. ²¹⁶

or

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise
and your glory all the day long.

Our God is full of compassion and mercy:

O come let us worship. ²¹⁷

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ²¹⁸

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ²¹⁹

or

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. Alleluia.

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 51.1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love;
wipe clean the record of my wrong-doing.

Wash away the stains of disobedience;
cleansing me from my awful guilt.

I know too well the wrongs I have done,
haunted always by my guilt.

²¹⁵ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 47.

²¹⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 238.

²¹⁷ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

²¹⁸ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²¹⁹ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Against you, you alone have I sinned;
 what is evil in your eyes, that I have done.
Your verdict against me is just,
 your judgement what I fully deserve.
From birth I have been wicked,
 from my conception bent on doing wrong.
You want truth and faithfulness;
 you give wisdom to my inner being.
Purify me until I am wholly clean;
 wash me until I am whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness,
 so that the body your broke may rejoice.
Turn your face from my guilt;
 wipe away all trace of sin.
Create in me a clean heart;
 give me a new and steadfast spirit.
Cast me not away from your presence;
 take not your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your saving help;
 by your bountiful spirit sustain me.²²⁰

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²²¹

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²²²

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Reading.

²²⁰ Psalm 51.1-12 in Barnett and Patriquin, *Songs for the Holy One* (2004) alt.

²²¹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²²² *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.

**Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.**

Make haste to help me,
O Lord of my salvation.

**Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.**

In you, O Lord, have I fixed my hope;
you will answer me, O Lord my God.

**Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.** ²²³

Morning Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Humility' or 'A Song of the Word of the Lord' may be said or sung.

²²³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 152 alt.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, *
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, 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 the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of 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. ²²⁴

or

A Song of Humility (Hosea 6.1, 3-4, 6)

Come, let us return to the Lord *
who has torn us and will heal us.
God has stricken us *
and will bind up our wounds.
Let us strive to know the Lord *
whose appearing is as sure as the sunrise;
who comes to us like the showers, *
like the spring rains that water the earth.
'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you? *
How shall I deal with you, O Judah?
Your love for me is like the morning mist, *
like the dew that goes early away.
For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, *
and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. ²²⁵

or

A Song of the Word of the Lord (Isaiah 55.6-11)

Seek the Lord, while the Lord may be found, *
call upon God while God is near.
Let the wicked abandon their ways, *
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

²²⁴ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

²²⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 175 alt.

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy; *
to our God, who will richly pardon.
'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
neither are your ways my ways,' says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than you ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
As the rain and the snow come down from above, *
and return not again but water the earth,
bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread to eat,
so is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me fruitless,
but it will accomplish that which I purpose, *
and succeed in the task I gave it.' ²²⁶

After the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ²²⁷

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ²²⁸

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

²²⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 584 alt.

²²⁷ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²²⁸ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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. ²²⁹

or

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these. ²³⁰

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

God who restores us, may your people be true and faithful servants of Christ.
Source of life, hear our prayer.

Bring those who are drawing to near to the light of faith to true knowledge of you.
Source of life, hear our prayer.

Give our families and friends joy and satisfaction in all that they do.
Source of life, hear our prayer.

²²⁹ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

²³⁰ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

Comfort and sustain those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted or ignored.
Source of life, hear our prayer.

Help us to contribute to the true growth and well-being of our country.
Source of life, hear our prayer.

Empower the whole human family to live together in justice and peace.
Source of life, hear our prayer.²³¹

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the Queen, members of Parliament and the armed forces;*
- *peace and justice in the world;*
- *those who work for reconciliation;*
- *all whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife;*
- *prisoners, refugees and homeless people.*²³²

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Almighty God and Father, your beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him in newness of life and hope; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**²³³

or

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**²³⁴

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

²³¹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 115-116 alt.

²³² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 363.

²³³ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 131 alt.

²³⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 178.

**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.**

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**²³⁵

²³⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2000), 243.

Evening Prayer for Friday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. ²³⁶

or

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
according to your judgement give us life. ²³⁷

or

O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
Our God is full of compassion and mercy:
O come let us worship. ²³⁸

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ²³⁹

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ²⁴⁰

or

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. Alleluia.

The Evening Hymn: 'O Laughing Light, O First-Born of Creation'

O laughing Light, O First-born of creation,
radiance of glory, light from light begotten,
God self-revealing, holy, bright, and blessed:
you shine upon us.

²³⁶ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 66.

²³⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 238.

²³⁸ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

²³⁹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁴⁰ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Day's light is fragile; your light is eternal.
We look to you, our light within the shadow.
We sing to you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit;
you shine before us.

Light of the world, O Jesus, you are worthy!
Giver of life and Child of God, we praise you!
Hear as the universe proclaims your glory!
You shine among us.²⁴¹

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁴²

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁴³

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with the Reading.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

²⁴¹ *Common Praise* (1998) #18.

²⁴² *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁴³ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.
**Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.**

Make haste to help me,
O Lord of my salvation.
**Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.**

In you, O Lord, have I fixed my hope;
you will answer me, O Lord my God.
**Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.** ²⁴⁴

Evening Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of the Justified' or 'A Song of Faith' may be said or sung.

The Song of Mary (Luke 1.46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, *
for you, Lord, have looked with favour
on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.
You have mercy on those who fear you, *
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

²⁴⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 152 alt.

casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, *
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever. ²⁴⁵

or

A Song of the Justified (Romans 4.24, 25; 5.1-5, 11)

God reckons as righteous those who believe, *
who believe in the one who raised Jesus from the dead.
For Christ was handed over to death for our sins *
and raised to life for our justification.
Since we are justified by faith, *
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through Christ we have gained access
to the grace in which we stand, *
and rejoice in our hope of the glory of God.
We even exult in our sufferings, *
for suffering produces endurance,
and endurance brings hope, *
and our hope is not in vain.
Because God's love has been poured into our hearts, *
through the Holy Spirit, given to us.
Therefore, we exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, *
in whom we have now received our reconciliation. ²⁴⁶

or

A Song of Faith (1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21)

Blessed be the God and Father *
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By God's great mercy we have born anew to a living hope *
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, *
kept in heaven for you,
who are being protected by the power of God through faith, *
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors *
not with perishable things like silver or gold
but with the precious blood of Christ *
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.
Through him you have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, *
so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²⁴⁷

²⁴⁵ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

²⁴⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005) 181 alt.

After the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ²⁴⁸

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ²⁴⁹

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.** ²⁵⁰

or

²⁴⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 623 alt.

²⁴⁸ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁴⁹ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

²⁵⁰ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.** ²⁵¹

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

God of compassion, answer us in the day of trouble,
send us help from your holy place.

Show us the path of life,
for in your presence is joy.

Give justice to the orphaned and oppressed
and break the power of wickedness and evil.

Look upon the hungry and sorrowful
and grant them the help for which they long.

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad;
may your glory endure for ever.

You have dominion over all
and with you is our redemption. ²⁵²

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

²⁵¹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

²⁵² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 399 alt.

- *the Queen, members of Parliament and the armed forces;*
- *peace and justice in the world;*
- *those who work for reconciliation;*
- *all whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife;*
- *prisoners, refugees and homeless people.* ²⁵³

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake.

Amen. ²⁵⁴

or

Heal us, O God, from all our afflictions and keep us steadfast in your love; bind up our wounds, raise us from death, and lead us to fullness of life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.** ²⁵⁵

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Evening Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

²⁵³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 363.

²⁵⁴ *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), 123.

²⁵⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 184.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**²⁵⁶

²⁵⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2000), 243.

Morning Prayer for Saturday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

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

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us. ²⁵⁷

or

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

Your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your reign. ²⁵⁸

or

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise

and your glory all the day long.

Our God is glorious in all the saints:

O come let us worship. ²⁵⁹

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ²⁶⁰

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ²⁶¹

or

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. Alleluia.

The Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 100

O all the world! Raise shouts to the Holy One!
Worship God with joy!
Come into the Presence with ringing cries!
Be assured the Holy One is the God who made us,
the shepherd to whom we belong,
who feeds us in green pastures.

²⁵⁷ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 47.

²⁵⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291 alt.

²⁵⁹ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20, 21.

²⁶⁰ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁶¹ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

With thanksgiving enter the Holy One's doors,
with praise the divine courts.
Praise and bless the Holy Name.
Truly the Holy One is good,
forever true and loving,
from age to age faithful.²⁶²

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁶³

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁶⁴

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Reading.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

²⁶² Psalm 100 in Barnett and Patriquin, *Songs for the Holy One* (2004).

²⁶³ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁶⁴ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Morning Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.

**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.**

You are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.**²⁶⁵

Morning Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Jerusalem our Mother' or 'A Song of Pilgrimage' maybe said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, *
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

²⁶⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 188 alt.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of 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. ²⁶⁶

or

A Song of Jerusalem our Mother (Isaiah 66.10, 11a, 12a, 12c, 13a, 14a, 14b)

'Rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad for her, *
all you who love her,' says the Lord.
'Rejoice with her in joy, *
all you who mourn over her,
that you may drink deeply with delight *
from her consoling breast.'
For thus says our God, *
'You shall be nursed and carried on her arm.
As a mother comforts her children, *
so I will comfort you;
You shall see and your heart shall rejoice; *
you shall flourish like the grass of the fields.' ²⁶⁷

or

A Song of Pilgrimage (Ecclesiasticus 51.13a, 13c-17, 20, 21a, 22b)

While I was still young, *
I sought Wisdom openly in my prayer:
before the temple I asked for her, *
and I will search for her until the end.
From the first blossom to the ripening grape, *
my heart delighted in her.
My foot walked on the straight path, *
from my youth I followed her steps.
I inclined my ear a little and received her, *
I found for myself much instruction.
I made progress in Wisdom; *
to the One who sent her, I will give glory.
I directed my soul to Wisdom, *
and in purity have I found her.
With her, I gained understanding from the first, *
therefore I will never be forsaken.
My heart was stirred to seek her, *
with my tongue will I sing God's praise. ²⁶⁸

²⁶⁶ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

²⁶⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 187.

²⁶⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 600.

After the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁶⁹

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁷⁰

or

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.

Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**²⁷¹

or

²⁶⁹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁷⁰ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

²⁷¹ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.** ²⁷²

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

God of Jerusalem, send the riches of your grace
upon the church throughout the world.
Creator of all, carry us in your arms.

Fill all who proclaim the word of truth with the infinite wisdom of Christ.
Creator of all, carry us in your arms.

Inspire all who have consecrated their lives to your reign
and all who are struggling to follow the way of Christ with the gifts of the Spirit. **Cre-
ator of all, carry us in your arms.**

Strengthen Elizabeth our Queen, the Prime Minister and all who govern the nations
so that they strive for justice and peace.
Creator of all, carry us in your arms.

Enlighten scholars and research-workers
so that their studies may benefit humanity.
Creator of all, carry us in your arms.

Give your peace to all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience.
Creator of all, carry us in your arms. ²⁷³

²⁷² *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

²⁷³ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 116 alt.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *our homes, families, friends and all whom we love;*
- *those whose time is spent caring for others;*
- *those who are close to death;*
- *those who have lost hope;*
- *the worship of the church.* ²⁷⁴

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Lord God, the well-spring of life, pour into our hearts the living water of your grace. By your light we see light. Increase our faith, and grant that we may walk in the brightness of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.** ²⁷⁵

or

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Hope. **Amen.** ²⁷⁶

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

²⁷⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 363.

²⁷⁵ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 131.

²⁷⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 190.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May Christ, who has opened the gates of heaven, bring us to reign with him in glory.

Amen. ²⁷⁷

²⁷⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2000), 296 alt.

Evening Prayer for Saturday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. ²⁷⁸

or

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your reign. ²⁷⁹

or

O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
Our God is glorious in all the saints:
O come let us worship. ²⁸⁰

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ²⁸¹

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. ²⁸²

or

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. Alleluia.

The Evening Hymn: 'Now from the Altar of My Heart'

Now from the altar of my heart
let incense flames arise;
assist me, Lord, to offer up
my evening sacrifice.

²⁷⁸ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 66.

²⁷⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291 alt.

²⁸⁰ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

²⁸¹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁸² *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

Awake, my love; awake, my joy;
awake, my heart and tongue!
Sleep not: when mercies loudly call,
break forth into a song.

This day God was my sun and shield,
my keeper and my guide.
His care was on my frailty shown,
his mercies multiplied.

New time, new favour, and new joys
do a new song require;
till I shall praise thee as I would,
accept my heart's desire.²⁸³

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁸⁴

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁸⁵

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with the Reading.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

²⁸³ *Common Praise* (1998) #22.

²⁸⁴ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁸⁵ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.

**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.**

You are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.**²⁸⁶

Evening Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of the Blessed' or 'A Song of God's Love' may be said or sung.

The Song of Mary (Luke 1.46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, *
for you, Lord, have looked with favour
on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.

²⁸⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 188 alt.

You have mercy on those who fear you, *
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, *
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever. ²⁸⁷

or

A Song of the Blessed (Matthew 5.3-10)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, *
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, *
for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, *
for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst after righteousness, *
for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, *
for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, *
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are those who suffer persecution
for righteousness' sake, *
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ²⁸⁸

or

A Song of God's Love (1 John 4.7-11, 12b)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; *
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is love.
In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent the only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.
In this is love,
not that we loved God but that God loved us, *
and sent the Son to be the expiation for our sins.

²⁸⁷ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

²⁸⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005) 606 alt.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.
For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.²⁸⁹

After the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁹⁰

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁹¹

or

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.

Evening Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**²⁹²

²⁸⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 193 alt.

²⁹⁰ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁹¹ *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), 20.

or

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these. ²⁹³

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful:
we pray to you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in the paths of peace and goodwill:
we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven our sins and offences:
we pray to you, O Lord.

That there may be peace in your Church and for the whole world:
we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may bound together by your Holy Spirit,
in communion with [N and] all your saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:
we pray to you, O Lord. ²⁹⁴

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

²⁹² *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

²⁹³ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

²⁹⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 369 alt.

- *our homes, families, friends and all whom we love;*
- *those whose time is spent caring for others;*
- *those who are close to death;*
- *those who have lost hope;*
- *the worship of the church.* ²⁹⁵

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

O God, the source of eternal light: shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, so that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.** ²⁹⁶

or

O God, our protector, by whose mercy the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light: we give into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems and our unfulfilled hopes; for you alone are our sure defence and bring us lasting peace in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.** ²⁹⁷

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Evening Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

²⁹⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 363.

²⁹⁶ *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), 123.

²⁹⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 196.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May Christ, who has opened the gates of heaven, bring us to reign with him in glory.
Amen.²⁹⁸

²⁹⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2000), 296 alt.