

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING
Morning and Evening Prayer for the Seasons of the Church Year

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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 season. Each office is designed so that those who use it for prayer need only move page by page through the office.

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

The Liturgy Task Force
May 2016

Notes on the Rites

The Gathering of the Community

- Morning and Evening Prayer may begin with either a set of introductory responses based on the seasonal material from *The Book of Alternative Services* or a set based on *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*.

The Proclamation of the Word

- The Offices have been designed to be used with the Daily Office Lectionary or the Weekday 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*.
- The concluding collects are all taken from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*, but the collect of the day is always an alternative.
- The introduction to the Lord's Prayer combines that of *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* with that of *The Book of Alternative Services*.

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.

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany in the Morning

- Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*
- Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Luke 3.4, 6*
- The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the oppressed. *Isaiah 61.1*
- A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel. *Matthew 1.23*

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany in the Evening

- Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. *Luke 1.38*
- Sleeper awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. *Ephesians 5.14b*
- But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. *1 Thessalonians 5.4-5*

Lent in the Morning

- If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8-9*
- To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. *Daniel 9.9-10*
- If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. *Mark 8.34*

Lent in the Evening

- Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. *Joel 2.13*
- I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." *Luke 15.18-19b*

Passiontide in the Morning

- Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
- your rod and your staff --- they comfort me. *Psalms 23.4*
- Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you. Do not hide your face from me

- in the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call. *Psalm 102.1-2*
- If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. *John 8.31-32*

Passiontide in the Evening

- Remember me, O Lord, when you show favour to your people; help me when you deliver them; that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage. *Psalm 105.4-5*
- Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death. *John 8.51*
- Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. *Jeremiah 20.13*

Easter in the Morning

- Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
- your rod and your staff --- they comfort me. *Psalm 23.4*
- Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you. Do not hide your face from me
- in the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call. *Psalm 102.1-2*
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Pentecost in the Morning

- And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. *Matthew 28.20b*
- I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. *John 14.18*
- Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked. *Psalm 1.1a*

Pentecost in the Evening

- The Lord loves those who hate evil and guards the lives of the faithful. *Psalm 97.10*
- Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. *Psalm 97.11*
- When you hide your face, all who look to you are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. *Psalm 104.29*

All Saints in the Morning

- Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. *Psalm 32.11*

- You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. *Psalm 51.6*
- Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. *Psalm 51.12*

All Saints in the Evening

- My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass. *Psalm 102.11*
- God will hear the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their prayer. *Psalm 102.17*
- Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path. *Psalm 143.10*

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.**

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

**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 *your/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/our* 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.

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

³ *Common Worship* (2000), 135 alt.

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

Advent Morning Prayer
From the Reign of Christ to Christmas Eve

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Restore us, O Creator of the stars of night;
**show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**
Will you not give us life again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your mercy, O God,
and grant us your salvation.
Blessed is the Christ who comes in your name!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. ⁵

Or

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Reveal among us the light of your presence
so that we may behold your power and glory. ⁶

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In your tender compassion
the dawn from on high is breaking upon us
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.
As we look for your coming among us this day,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
so that the world may rejoice and give you praise. ⁷

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ⁸

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ⁹

or

⁵ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 96 alt.

⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 198 alt.

⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 198 alt.

⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

⁹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.
Blessed be God for ever. 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.

At the end of 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

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

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.

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.

¹⁰ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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

¹² *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,
for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.
Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,
for the night is far spent.
Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
for the day is at hand.
Put on the Lord Jesus Christ
and make no provision for the flesh,
for the night is far spent and the day is at hand. ¹³

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 Wilderness' or 'A Song of Baruch' 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

¹³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 201.

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

Or

A Song of the Wilderness (Isaiah 35.1, 2b-4a, 4c-6, 10)

The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice, *
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.
They shall see the glory of the Lord, *
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weary hands, *
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not,
your God is coming with judgement, *
coming with judgement to save you.'
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, *
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame leap like a hart, *
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, *
and streams in the desert;
the ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing, *
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
Joy and gladness shall be theirs, *
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. ¹⁵

Or

A Song of Baruch (Baruch 5.5, 6c, 7-9)

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height: *
look to the east and see your children,
gathered from the west and the east *
at the word of the Holy One.
They rejoice that God has remembered them *
and has brought them back to you.
For God has ordered that every high mountain *
and the everlasting hills be made low,
and the valleys filled up to make level ground *
so that they may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree *
have shaded them at God's command.
For God will lead this people with joy
in the light of the divine glory *
with the mercy and righteousness that comes from God. ¹⁶

At the end of the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

¹⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 200 alt.

¹⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 601 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. ¹⁷

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.

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

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.** ¹⁹

Or

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

¹⁸ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

¹⁹ *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.²⁰

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

In joyful expectation let us pray to God, our Saviour and Redeemer.

O Wisdom from the mouth of the Most High,
you reign over all things to the ends of the earth:
come and teach us how to live.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Head of the house of Israel,
you appeared in the fire of the burning bush
and you gave the law on Sinai:
come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Branch of Jesse standing as a sign among the nations,
all rulers will keep silence before you
and all peoples will summon you to their aid:
come, set us free and delay no more.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

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

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel,
you open and none can shut;
you shut and none can open:
come and free the captives from prison.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Morning Star, bright Sun of righteousness:
come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations:
come and save us, O Anointed One.

Lord Jesus, come soon.²¹

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

- *the church, that we may be ready for the coming of Christ;*
- *the leaders of the church;*
- *the nations, that they may seek peace and reconciliation;*
- *those who are working for justice in the world and*
- *the broken, that they may find God's healing.*²²

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

Week of the Reign of Christ

Most High God, majestic and almighty, our beginning and our end: rule in our hearts and guide us to be faithful in our daily actions, worshipping the one who comes as Saviour and Sovereign, and who lies and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. **Amen.**²³

Advent I

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, so that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvellous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, so that we may yearn for the coming of your Christ and stand without blame before him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.**²⁴

²¹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 119-120 alt.

²² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 364 alt.

²³ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 218 alt.

²⁴ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 28 alt.

Advent 2

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming your Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**²⁵

Advent 3

Merciful God, your word, spoken by the prophets, restores your people's life and hope. Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace, so that we may hold fast to your great goodness and in our lives proclaim your justice in all the world, through your Christ who comes among us. **Amen.**²⁶

Advent 4

O God of Elizabeth and Mary, you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Saviour. Make our hearts leap with joy and fill our mouths with songs of praise, so that we may announce glad tidings of peace and welcome the Christ in our midst. **Amen.**²⁷

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,²⁸
**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.

²⁵ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 30 alt.

²⁶ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 33 alt.

²⁷ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 34 alt.

²⁸ Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 204 alt.

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, when he comes, find us watching and waiting. **Amen.**²⁹

²⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 204 alt.

Advent Evening Prayer
From the Reign of Christ to Christmas Eve

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope.
Thanks be to God.

or

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
A light no darkness can extinguish. ³⁰

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to offer thanks and praise. ³¹

or

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
creator of light and darkness,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As evening falls, you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.
May your word be a lantern to our feet
and a light upon our path
so that we may behold your coming among us.
Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness
and free our tongues to sing your praise. ³²

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ³³

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ³⁴

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.
Blessed be God for ever. ³⁵

³⁰ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 61.

³¹ *Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer: Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services* (2001), 15.

³² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 205 alt.

³³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

³⁴ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

³⁵ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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.

At the end of 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.³⁶

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.³⁷

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.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

My soul is waiting for you, Light of my salvation:
in your word is my hope.

³⁶ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

³⁷ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

**My soul is waiting for you, Light of my salvation:
in your word is my hope.**

There is forgiveness with you,
so that you shall be held in awe.

**My soul is waiting for you, Light of my salvation:
in your word is my hope.**

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

**My soul is waiting for you, Light of my salvation:
in your word is my hope.**³⁸

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 Spirit' or 'A Song of the Lamb' 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,

the promise made to our ancestors, *

to Abraham and his children for ever.³⁹

Or

A Song of the Spirit (Revelation 22.12-14, 16, 17)

'Behold, I am coming soon', says the Lord

'and bringing my reward with me, *

to give everyone according to their deeds.

³⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 198, 201, 209 alt.

³⁹ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, *
the beginning and the end.’
Blessed are those who do God’s commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life, *
and may enter into the city through the gates.
‘I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, *
with this testimony for all the churches.
I am the root and the offspring of David, *
I am the bright morning star.’
‘Come!’ say the Spirit and the Bride; *
‘Come!’ let each hearer reply.
Come forward, you who are thirsty, *
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift. ⁴⁰

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 Lord, *
all who fear God, both small and great.
The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns: *
let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory.
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.

At the end of 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. ⁴¹

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ⁴²

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

⁴⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 208 alt.

⁴¹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

⁴² *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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.** ⁴³

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. ⁴⁴

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

⁴³ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

⁴⁴ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Watchful at all times, let us pray to God for strength to stand with confidence.

God, our Maker and Redeemer, fill the earth with justice and compassion.

God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.

Establish righteousness in the nations.

God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.

Bind up the broken-hearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen.

God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.

Shine the light of Christ on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death.

God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.

Empower us, with all the saints in light, to be your witnesses in the world.

God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy. ⁴⁵

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

- *the church, that we may be ready for the coming of Christ;*
- *the leaders of the church;*
- *the nations, that they may seek peace and reconciliation;*
- *those who are working for justice in the world and*
- *the broken, that they may find God's healing.* ⁴⁶

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

Week of the Reign of Christ

Most High God, majestic and almighty, our beginning and our end: rule in our hearts and guide us to be faithful in our daily actions, worshipping the one who comes as Saviour and Sovereign, and who lies and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. **Amen.** ⁴⁷

⁴⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 377 alt.

⁴⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 364 alt.

⁴⁷ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 218 alt.

Advent 1

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, so that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvellous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, so that we may yearn for the coming of your Christ and stand without blame before him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.**⁴⁸

Advent 2

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming your Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**⁴⁹

Advent 3

Merciful God, your word, spoken by the prophets, restores your people's life and hope. Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace, so that we may hold fast to your great goodness and in our lives proclaim your justice in all the world, through your Christ who comes among us. **Amen.**⁵⁰

Advent 4

O God of Elizabeth and Mary, you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Saviour. Make our hearts leap with joy and fill our mouths with songs of praise, so that we may announce glad tidings of peace and welcome the Christ in our midst. **Amen.**⁵¹

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,⁵²

**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.**

⁴⁸ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 28 alt.

⁴⁹ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 30 alt.

⁵⁰ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 33 alt.

⁵¹ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 34 alt.

⁵² Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 204 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.**

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 Christ, when he comes, find us watching and waiting. **Amen.**⁵³

⁵³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 204 alt.

Christmas Morning Prayer
From Christmas Eve to Epiphany

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Blessed are you, O Christ, incarnate Word,
you were before time began
and came into the world to save us.
Blessed are you, Sun of righteousness;
you shine with the love of God
and illumine the whole universe.
Blessed are you, Child of Mary;
born in a manger, you shared our humanity.
Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

With all the voices of heaven,
we celebrate your coming, O Emmanuel.
Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

With all the creatures on earth
we sing and dance at your birth, O Shoot of Jesse.
Let heaven and earth shout their praise. ⁵⁴

Or

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
You laid the foundation of the earth
and the heavens are the work of your hands. ⁵⁵

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
creator of heaven and earth,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your living Word, eternal in heaven,
assumed the frailty of our mortal flesh,
so may the light of your love be born in us
to fill our hearts with joy as we sing. ⁵⁶

⁵⁴ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 96-97 alt.

⁵⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 214.

⁵⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 214 alt.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. ⁵⁷

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. ⁵⁸

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

Blessed be God for ever. ⁵⁹

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.

At the end of 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. 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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ⁶¹

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

⁵⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

⁵⁸ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

⁵⁹ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

⁶⁰ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

⁶¹ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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.

The Word of life which was from the beginning
we proclaim to you.
The darkness is passing away
and the true light is already shining;
the Word of life which was from the beginning.
That which we heard, which we saw with our eyes,
and touched with our hands,
we proclaim to you.
For our fellowship is with God
and with God's beloved, Jesus the Christ.
The Word of life which was from the beginning
we proclaim to you.⁶²

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Hannah' 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,
free to worship you without fear, *
 holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

⁶² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 217 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. ⁶³

Or

A Song of Hannah (1 Samuel 2.1, 2, 3b-5, 7, 8)

My heart exults in the Lord; *
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies, *
because I rejoice in your salvation.
There is no Holy One like you, O Lord, *
nor any Rock like you, our God.
For you are a God of knowledge *
and by you are actions are weighted.
The bows of the mighty are broken, *
but the feeble gird on strength.
Those who were full now hire themselves out for bread, *
but those who were hungry are well fed.
The barren woman has borne sevenfold, *
but she who has many children is forlorn.
Both the poor and the rich are of your making; *
you bring low and you also exalt.
You raise up the poor from the dust, *
and lift the needy from the ash heap.
You make them sit with the rulers *
and inherit a place of honour.
For the pillars of the earth are yours *
and on them you have set the world. ⁶⁴

Or

A Song of God's Chosen One (Isaiah 11.1, 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.

⁶³ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

⁶⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 572.

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.
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. ⁶⁵

At the end of 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. ⁶⁶

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ⁶⁷

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.**

⁶⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 577 alt.

⁶⁶ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

⁶⁷ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

**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.** ⁶⁸

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. ⁶⁹

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us pray to the Creator of the universe.

Holy One, by the good news of our salvation
brought to Mary by the angel:
Hear us and grant us peace.

By the mystery of the Word made flesh:
Hear us and grant us peace.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God:
Hear us and grant us peace.

⁶⁸ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

⁶⁹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

By the manifestation of your Beloved to the shepherds:
Hear us and grant us peace.

By the obedience of the Maker of the world to Mary and Joseph:
Hear us and grant us peace.⁷⁰

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

- *the church, especially in places of conflict;*
- *the Holy Land, for peace with justice and reconciliation;*
- *refugees and asylum seekers;*
- *homeless people and*
- *families with young children.*⁷¹

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

Christmas Eve

God of glory, your splendour shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice and defenders of all for whom there is no room. **Amen.**⁷²

Christmas (until the First Sunday after Christmas)

God of all ages, in the birth of Christ your boundless love for your people shattered the power of darkness. Be born in us with that same love and light, so that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**⁷³

Week of the First Sunday after Christmas

God of glory, you have given us a new name and robed us in salvation. May we like Anna find our home in your presence, and like Simeon recognize Jesus as the Christ, so that, in joy and thanksgiving at becoming your children, we may join with all creation to sing your praise. **Amen.**⁷⁴

Week of the Second Sunday after Christmas

Gracious God, you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation, whose birth we celebrate as the child of Bethlehem. Bless us with every spiritual blessing, so that we may live as your adopted children and witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. **Amen.**⁷⁵

⁷⁰ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 120-121 alt.

⁷¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 364 alt.

⁷² *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 38 alt.

⁷³ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 39 alt.

⁷⁴ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 42 alt.

⁷⁵ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 46 alt.

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,⁷⁶

**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.**⁷⁷

⁷⁶ Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 219 alt.

⁷⁷ Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 219 alt.

Christmas Evening Prayer
From Christmas Eve to Epiphany

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope.
Thanks be to God.

or

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
A light no darkness can extinguish. ⁷⁸

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to offer thanks and praise. ⁷⁹

or

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
To dispel the darkness of our night
you sent forth your Son, the firstborn of all creation,
to be the Christ, the light of the world.
Rejoicing in the mystery of the Word made flesh,
we acclaim him Emmanuel, as all creation sings to you. ⁸⁰

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ⁸¹

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ⁸²

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.
Blessed be God for ever. ⁸³

⁷⁸ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 61.

⁷⁹ *Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer: Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services* (2001), 15.

⁸⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 220.

⁸¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

⁸² *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

⁸³ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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.

At the end of 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.⁸⁴

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.⁸⁵

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.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Your salvation, O God, is near to those who fear you:
your glory shall dwell in our land.

⁸⁴ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

⁸⁵ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

**Your salvation, O God, is near to those who fear you:
your glory shall dwell in our land.**

I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying,
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

Your glory shall dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Your salvation, O God, is near to those who fear you:
your glory shall dwell in our land.**

Truth shall spring us from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Your glory shall dwell in our land.

Righteousness shall go before you,
and peace shall be a pathway for you feet.

Your glory shall dwell in our land.⁸⁶

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 Love' or 'A Song of the Holy 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,
the promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.⁸⁷

⁸⁶ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 105-106 alt.

⁸⁷ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

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 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.
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. ⁸⁸

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, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God, *
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, *
"See, the home of God is among mortals.
God will dwell with them; they will be holy peoples, *
and God, God's very self, will be with them;
wiping every tear from their eyes and *
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more, *
for the first things have passed away."
And the One who was seated on the throne said, *
"See, I am making all things new." ⁸⁹

At the end of 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. ⁹⁰

or

⁸⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 626 alt.

⁸⁹ Revelation 21.1-5a (New Revised Standard Version), alt.

⁹⁰ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ⁹¹

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.** ⁹²

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.**

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

⁹² *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. ⁹³

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us pray to the Maker of the universe.

God of wisdom, you order all things:
help the church to reveal the mystery of your love
and fill it with the Spirit of truth.

Holy One, make all things new.

Ruler of the universe, the government is on your shoulders:
guide the leaders of the nations
and bring in your reign of justice and righteousness.

Holy One, make all things new.

Source of all being, you call us to live together in unity:
protect by your mercy all your children,
bless our families and renew our communities.

Holy One, make all things new.

Giver of peace, you bring reconciliation in the child of Bethlehem:
by your healing power give to all who suffer
your gift of wholeness and peace.

Holy One, make all things new. ⁹⁴

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

- *the church, especially in places of conflict;*
- *the Holy Land, for peace with justice and reconciliation;*
- *refugees and asylum seekers;*

⁹³ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

⁹⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 378 alt.

- *homeless people and*
- *families with young children.*⁹⁵

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

Christmas Eve

God of glory, your splendour shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice and defenders of all for whom there is no room. **Amen.**⁹⁶

Christmas (until the First Sunday after Christmas)

God of all ages, in the birth of Christ your boundless love for your people shattered the power of darkness. Be born in us with that same love and light, so that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**⁹⁷

Week of the First Sunday after Christmas

God of glory, you have given us a new name and robed us in salvation. May we like Anna find our home in your presence, and like Simeon recognize Jesus as the Christ, so that, in joy and thanksgiving at becoming your children, we may join with all creation to sing your praise. **Amen.**⁹⁸

Week of the Second Sunday after Christmas

Gracious God, you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation, whose birth we celebrate as the child of Bethlehem. Bless us with every spiritual blessing, so that we may live as your adopted children and witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. **Amen.**⁹⁹

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,¹⁰⁰

⁹⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 364 alt.

⁹⁶ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 38 alt.

⁹⁷ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 39 alt.

⁹⁸ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 42 alt.

⁹⁹ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 46 alt.

¹⁰⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 219 alt.

**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.**¹⁰¹

¹⁰¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 219 alt.

Morning Prayer for Epiphany
From Epiphany through Presentation

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Blessed are you, David's heir, born to rule,
you received gifts from the magi.
Blessed are you, Son of Man, baptized by John,
you saved us from ourselves.
Blessed are you, Servant Lord,
teaching and preaching, healing and comforting,
you proclaimed God's gracious reign.
With all the voices of heaven and earth,
we celebrate your epiphany.
Let heaven and earth shout their praise. ¹⁰²

Or

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Your light springs up for the righteous
and all the peoples have seen your glory. ¹⁰³

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
ruler of the nations,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.
As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts,
anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit
so that we may witness to your gospel
and sing your praise in all the earth. ¹⁰⁴

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ¹⁰⁵

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ¹⁰⁶

or

¹⁰² *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 97 alt.

¹⁰³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 226.

¹⁰⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 226 alt.

¹⁰⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

¹⁰⁶ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.
Blessed be God for ever. ¹⁰⁷

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.

At the end of 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. ¹⁰⁸

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁰⁹

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.

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.

¹⁰⁷ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

¹⁰⁸ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹⁰⁹ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before God.
Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is sovereign.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Tell out the salvation of God from day to day.
Let the whole earth tremble before God.
Declare the glory of the Holy One among the nations
and the wonders of God among the peoples.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before God.¹¹⁰

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 New Jerusalem' or 'A Song of the Covenant' 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.¹¹¹

¹¹⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 229 alt.

¹¹¹ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

Or

A Song of the New Jerusalem (Isaiah 60.1-3, 11a, 18, 19, 14b)

Arise, shine out, for your light has come, *
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.
Though night still covers the earth, *
and darkness the peoples;
above you the Holy One arises, *
and above you God's glory appears.
The nations will come to your light, *
and rulers to your dawning brightness.
Your gates will lie open continually, *
shut neither by day nor by night.
The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land, *
or ruin and devastation within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and your gates, Praise.
Nor will the sun give you daylight, *
nor moonlight shine upon you;
but the Lord will be your everlasting light, *
your God will be your splendour.
For you shall be called the city of God, *
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel. ¹¹²

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.' ¹¹³

¹¹² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 228 alt.

¹¹³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 582.

At the end of 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. 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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹¹⁵

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.** ¹¹⁶

Or

¹¹⁴ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹¹⁵ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

¹¹⁶ *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. ¹¹⁷

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Everlasting Light of creation, may your people in all world
worship in spirit and in truth.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

May the church discover that unity which is your will.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

May the nations of the earth seek after the ways that make for peace.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

May the whole creation be set free
to enjoy the glorious liberty of your children.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

May all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death
rest in peace and rise in glory.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us. ¹¹⁸

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

¹¹⁷ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

¹¹⁸ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 120-121 alt.

- *the unity of the church;*
- *the peace of the world;*
- *the healing of the sick;*
- *the revelation of Christ to those from whom his glory is hidden and*
- *all who travel.* ¹¹⁹

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

Week of Epiphany

O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, so that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught. **Amen.** ¹²⁰

Week of the Baptism of Christ

God, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, mark us with your image and raise us to live our baptismal vows empowered by the Holy Spirit and the example of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. **Amen.** ¹²¹

Between the Baptism of Christ and Presentation

Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. **Amen.** ¹²²

or

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. **Amen.** ¹²³

Presentation

God of steadfast love, you sent your Son to be the light of the world, saving people everywhere from sin and death. As Anna gave thanks for the freedom he would bring and Simeon say in him the dawn of redemption, complete your purpose once made known in him. Make us vessels of his light, so that all the world may glory in the splendour of your peace. **Amen.** ¹²⁴

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

¹¹⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 364 alt.

¹²⁰ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 52.

¹²¹ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 55.

¹²² *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 50.

¹²³ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 50.

¹²⁴ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 222.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing in the promises of God
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,¹²⁵

**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 Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of the Spirit. **Amen.**¹²⁶

¹²⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 230 alt.

¹²⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 219 alt.

Evening Prayer for Epiphany
From Epiphany through Presentation

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope.

Thanks be to God.

or

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can extinguish. ¹²⁷

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to offer thanks and praise. ¹²⁸

or

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

our light and our salvation,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

You gave your Christ as a light to the nations,

and through the anointing of the Spirit

you established us as a royal priesthood.

As you call us into your marvellous light,

may our lives bear witness to your truth

and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise. ¹²⁹

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. ¹³⁰

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. ¹³¹

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

Blessed be God for ever. ¹³²

¹²⁷ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 61.

¹²⁸ *Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer: Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services* (2001), 15.

¹²⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 232.

¹³⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

¹³¹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

¹³² *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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.

At the end of 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. ¹³³

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹³⁴

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.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

¹³³ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹³⁴ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

**Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**
God's salvation has been openly shown to all people.
The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
**Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

or

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
**Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
**Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.** ¹³⁵

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 Appearing' 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,
the promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever. ¹³⁶

¹³⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 235 alt.

¹³⁶ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

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 to a royal priesthood serving our God, *
and they will reign with you on earth. ¹³⁷

Or

A Song of Christ's Appearing (1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15, 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. ¹³⁸

At the end of 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. ¹³⁹

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁴⁰

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

¹³⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 234 alt.

¹³⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 621 alt.

¹³⁹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹⁴⁰ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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.** ¹⁴¹

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. ¹⁴²

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

¹⁴¹ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

¹⁴² *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Redeemer of the nations, guide all who seek you with a pure heart.
Host of the wedding feast, hear our prayer.

Usher in your promised reign of justice and peace.
Host of the wedding feast, hear our prayer.

Encompass us with your light as with a cloak,
and conquer the darkness of our night.
Host of the wedding feast, hear our prayer.

Feed the hunger of your people in desert places with your eternal bread.
Host of the wedding feast, hear our prayer.

Change our vessels of water into the gladdening wine of new life.
Host of the wedding feast, hear our prayer.

Welcome sinners to your banquet table.
Host of the wedding feast, hear our prayer. ¹⁴³

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

- *the unity of the church;*
- *the peace of the world;*
- *the healing of the sick;*
- *the revelation of Christ to those from whom his glory is hidden and*
- *all who travel.* ¹⁴⁴

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

¹⁴³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 390 alt.

¹⁴⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 364 alt.

Week of Epiphany

O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, so that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught. **Amen.** ¹⁴⁵

Week of the Baptism of Christ

God, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, mark us with your image and raise us to live our baptismal vows empowered by the Holy Spirit and the example of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. **Amen.** ¹⁴⁶

Between the Baptism of Christ and Presentation

Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. **Amen.** ¹⁴⁷

or

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. **Amen.** ¹⁴⁸

Presentation

God of steadfast love, you sent your Son to be the light of the world, saving people everywhere from sin and death. As Anna gave thanks for the freedom he would bring and Simeon say in him the dawn of redemption, complete your purpose once made known in him. Make us vessels of his light, so that all the world may glory in the splendour of your peace. **Amen.** ¹⁴⁹

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing in the promises of God
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us, ¹⁵⁰

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

¹⁴⁵ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 52.

¹⁴⁶ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 55.

¹⁴⁷ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 50.

¹⁴⁸ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 50.

¹⁴⁹ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 222.

¹⁵⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 230 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.**

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 Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of the Spirit. **Amen.** ¹⁵¹

¹⁵¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 219 alt.

Morning Prayer for Lent
From Ash Wednesday until the Sunday before Palm/Passion Sunday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

We cast our burdens upon you, O Lord,
and you will sustain us.
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence
and take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Give us the joy of your saving help again
and sustain us by your bountiful Spirit.
Blessed are you, O Holy One,
the God of our salvation who bears our burdens.¹⁵²

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.¹⁵³

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of our sin,
your light breaks forth like the dawn
and your healing springs up for deliverance.
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
and open our lips to sing your praise.¹⁵⁴

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.¹⁵⁵

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.¹⁵⁶

or

¹⁵² *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 97 alt.

¹⁵³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 238.

¹⁵⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 238.

¹⁵⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

¹⁵⁶ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.
Blessed be God for ever. 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.

At the end of 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.

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.

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.

¹⁵⁷ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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

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

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Incline your ear to me;
make haste to answer when I call.

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to answer when I call.**

Lord, hear my prayer
and let my cry come before you.

Make haste to answer when I call.

Hide not your face from me
in the day of my trouble.

Make haste to answer when I call.

You endure for ever
and your name from age to age.

Make haste to answer when I call.

You will arise and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to have pity upon her.

Make haste to answer when I call. ¹⁶⁰

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'The Song of Manasseh' or 'A Song of Humility' 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,

¹⁶⁰ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 106-107 alt.

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. ¹⁶¹

Or

The Song of Manasseh (Manasseh 1a, 2, 4, 6, 7ab, 9ac, 11, 12, 14b, 15b)

Lord almighty and God of our ancestors, *
you who made heaven and earth in all their glory:
All things tremble with awe at your presence, *
before your great and mighty power.
Immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy, *
for you are God, Most High.
You are full of compassion. long-suffering and very merciful, *
and you relent at human suffering.
O God, according to your great goodness,
you have promised forgiveness for repentance *
to those who have sinned against you.
The sins I have committed against you *
are more in number than the sands of the sea.
I am not worthy to look up to the height of heaven, *
because of the multitude of my iniquities.
And now I bend the knee of my heart before you, *
imploping your kindness upon me.
I have sinned, O God, I have sinned, *
and I acknowledge my transgressions.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me, *
according to your great mercy.
For all the host of heaven sings your praise, *
and your glory is for ever and ever. ¹⁶²

Or

A Song of Humility (Hosea 6.1-6)

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.
After two days, God will revive us, *
and on the third day will raise us up,
so that we may live in the presence of the Lord.

¹⁶¹ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

¹⁶² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 240.

Let us strive to know the Lord, *
whose appearing is as sure as the sunrise.
God will come 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.
Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, *
and my judgement goes forth as the light.
For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, *
and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.' ¹⁶³

At the end of 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. 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

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.**

¹⁶³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 592 alt.

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

¹⁶⁵ *Enriching Our Worship I* (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.** 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.**

**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. B ¹⁶⁷

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying,
'God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.'

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church
throughout the world,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

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

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

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel
to the ends of the earth,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For those preparing for baptism
and for their teachers and sponsors,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For peace in the world,
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation
may grow among nations and peoples,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer;
for refugees, prisoners and all in danger;
that they may be relieved and protected,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For all whom we have injured or offended,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For grace to amend our lives and to further your reign,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.¹⁶⁸

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

- *those preparing for baptism and confirmation;*
- *those serving through leadership in church and state;*
- *those looking for forgiveness;*
- *those misled by the false gods of this present age and*
- *all who are hungry.*¹⁶⁹

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

From Ash Wednesday until the Second Sunday in Lent

God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, so that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit.
Amen.¹⁷⁰

¹⁶⁸ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 121-122 alt.

¹⁶⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 240.

¹⁷⁰ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 76 alt.

The Week of the Second Sunday in Lent

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting. Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, so that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ. **Amen.** ¹⁷¹

The Week of the Third Sunday in Lent

God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, so that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of your kingdom. **Amen.** ¹⁷²

The Week of the Fourth Sunday in Lent

God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection. Remain with us and give us hope so that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** ¹⁷³

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us, ¹⁷⁴

**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.

¹⁷¹ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 76 alt.

¹⁷² Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 76 alt.

¹⁷³ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 76 alt.

¹⁷⁴ Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 243 alt.

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.** ¹⁷⁵

¹⁷⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 243.

Evening Prayer for Lent
From Ash Wednesday until the Sunday before Palm/Passion Sunday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope.

Thanks be to God.

or

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can extinguish. ¹⁷⁶

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to offer thanks and praise. ¹⁷⁷

or

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,
so that we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory. ¹⁷⁸

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. ¹⁷⁹

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. ¹⁸⁰

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

Blessed be God for ever. ¹⁸¹

¹⁷⁶ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 61 alt.

¹⁷⁷ *Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer: Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services* (2001), 15.

¹⁷⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 244.

¹⁷⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

¹⁸⁰ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

¹⁸¹ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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.

At the end of 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. ¹⁸²

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁸³

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.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Incline your ear to me;
make haste to answer when I call.

¹⁸² *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

¹⁸³ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20.

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to answer when I call.**
Lord, hear my prayer
and let my cry come before you.
Make haste to answer when I call.
Hide not your face from me
in the day of my trouble.
Make haste to answer when I call.
You endure for ever
and your name from age to age.
Make haste to answer when I call.
You will arise and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to have pity upon her.
Make haste to answer when I call.¹⁸⁴

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of Christ the Servant' or 'A Song of Repentance' 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,
the promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.¹⁸⁵

Or

¹⁸⁴ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 106-107 alt.

¹⁸⁵ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

A Song of Christ the Servant (1 Peter 2.21b-25)

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, *
that you should follow in his steps.
He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, *
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.
When he suffered, he did not threaten, *
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.
Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, *
so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds, you have been healed, *
for you were straying like sheep,
but have now returned *
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. ¹⁸⁶

Or

A Song of Repentance (1 John 1.5-9)

This is the message we have heard from Christ
and proclaim to you: *
that God is light,
in whom there is no darkness at all.
If we say that we have fellowship with God
while we walk in darkness, *
we lie and do not do what is true.
But if we walk in the light
as God is in the light, *
we have fellowship with one another.
And the blood of Jesus, the Son of God, *
cleanses us from all our sins.
If we say that we have no sin, *
we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, *
the One who is faithful and just will forgive us
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁸⁷

At the end of 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. ¹⁸⁸

or

¹⁸⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 246 alt.

¹⁸⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 625.

¹⁸⁸ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹⁸⁹

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.** ¹⁹⁰

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.**

¹⁸⁹ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20.

¹⁹⁰ *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. ¹⁹¹

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us pray, saying, 'Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.'

May your holy people triumph over evil and grow in grace.
Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.

May candidates for baptism and confirmation live by every word
that proceeds from your mouth.
Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.

May you guide the leaders of the nations
in the ways of mercy and truth.
Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.

May the needy not be forgotten
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.

May the sick in body, mind and spirit
know your power to heal.
Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.

May the poor in spirit inherit the kingdom of heaven
and see you face to face.
Shepherd of souls, tend your flock. ¹⁹²

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

¹⁹¹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

¹⁹² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 380 alt.

- those preparing for baptism and confirmation;
- those serving through leadership in church and state;
- those looking for forgiveness;
- those misled by the false gods of this present age and
- all who are hungry.¹⁹³

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

From Ash Wednesday until the Second Sunday in Lent

God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, so that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. **Amen.**¹⁹⁴

The Week of the Second Sunday in Lent

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting. Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, so that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**¹⁹⁵

The Week of the Third Sunday in Lent

God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, so that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of your kingdom. **Amen.**¹⁹⁶

The Week of the Fourth Sunday in Lent

God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection. Remain with us and give us hope so that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**¹⁹⁷

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,

¹⁹³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 240.

¹⁹⁴ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 76 alt.

¹⁹⁵ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 76 alt.

¹⁹⁶ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 76 alt.

¹⁹⁷ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 76 alt.

let us pray as our Saviour taught us, ¹⁹⁸
**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 our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.** ¹⁹⁹

¹⁹⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 243 alt.

¹⁹⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 243.

Morning Prayer for Passiontide
From the Fifth Sunday in Lent until Easter Vigil

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Christ became obedient unto death for us,
even death upon a cross.
He was pierced for our sins,
bruised for no fault but ours
His punishment has won our peace,
and by his wounds we are healed.
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
**to receive power and riches and wisdom,
strength, honour, glory and praise. Amen.**²⁰⁰

or

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving help among the nations.²⁰¹

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Full of sorrows and acquainted with grief,
Christ was lifted up
so that he might draw the whole world to himself.
May we walk this day in the way of the cross
and always be ready to share its weight,
declaring your love for all the world.²⁰²

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.²⁰³

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.²⁰⁴

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.
Blessed be God for ever.²⁰⁵

²⁰⁰ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 98.

²⁰¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 250.

²⁰² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 250.

²⁰³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

²⁰⁴ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

²⁰⁵ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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.

At the end of 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.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.

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.

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.

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

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

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
We preach Christ crucified,
the power of God and the wisdom of God.
By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
God forbid that we should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world. ²⁰⁸

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Jonah' or 'The Prayer of Habakkuk' 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. ²⁰⁹

Or

²⁰⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 252 alt.

²⁰⁹ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

A Song of Jonah (Jonah 2.2-7, 9)

I called to you, O God, out of my distress *
and you answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, *
and you heard my voice.
You cast me into the deep, *
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me, *
all your waves and billows passed over me.
Then I said, I am driven away from your sight: *
how shall I ever look again upon your holy temple?
The waters closed in over me, *
the deep was round about me;
weeds were wrapped around my head *
at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land whose bars closed on me for ever, *
yet you brought up my life from the depths, O God.
As my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, O God, *
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple
With the voice of thanksgiving, I will sacrifice to you; *
what I have vowed I will pay:
deliverance belongs to the Lord! ²¹⁰

Or

The Prayer of Habakkuk (Habakkuk 3.2, 13a, 15-16, 17-19)

O Lord, I have heard of your renown, *
and I stand in awe, O Lord, of your work.
In the midst of the years renew it;
in the midst of the years make it known; *
in wrath remember mercy.
You came forth to save your people, *
to save your anointed.
You trampled the sea with your horses, *
churning the mighty waters.
I hear, and my belly trembles, *
my lips quiver at the sound.
Though the fig tree does not blossom,
nor fruit appear on the vines, *
the produce of the olive fail,
and the fields yield no food,
though the flock be cut off from the fold *
and there be no herd in the stalls,

²¹⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 593.

yet will I rejoice in the Lord, *
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
God, the Lord, is my strength, *
who makes my feet like hinds' feet,
and who makes me tread upon the high places.²¹¹

At the end of 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.²¹²

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²¹³

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.**

²¹¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 594 alt.

²¹² *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²¹³ *Enriching Our Worship I* (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.** ²¹⁴

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. ²¹⁵

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

With faith and love and in union with Christ,
let us offer our prayers before the throne of grace, saying,
'God of the deep, hear our prayer.'

Have mercy on your people,
for whom your Son laid down his life.
God of the deep, hear our prayer.

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations,
and have pity on those torn apart by division.
God of the deep, hear our prayer.

²¹⁴ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

²¹⁵ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake,
and deliver them from evil.

God of the deep, hear our prayer.

Look in mercy upon all who suffer,
and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation.

God of the deep, hear our prayer.

Bring comfort to the dying,
and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory.

God of the deep, hear our prayer.

Give rest to the departed
and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting.

God of the deep, hear our prayer.²¹⁶

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

- *the persecuted Church;*
- *the oppressed peoples of the world;*
- *all who are lonely;*
- *all who are near to death and*
- *all who are facing loss.*²¹⁷

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

The Week of Lent 5

God of suffering and glory, in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life through the path of obedience. Inscribe your law in our hearts, so that in life we may not stray from you but may be your people. **Amen.**²¹⁸

Palm/Passion Sunday to Good Friday

Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart, not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and praise him with their lives. **Amen.**²¹⁹

²¹⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 381 alt.

²¹⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 364.

²¹⁸ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 87 alt.

²¹⁹ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 91.

Good Friday to Easter Vigil

Compassionate God, your love finds full expression in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son, who willingly met betrayal and death to set us free from sin. Give us courage to live obediently in these days until we greet the glory of our risen Saviour. **Amen.**²²⁰

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,²²¹

**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 Christ, who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve with him in joy.
Amen.²²²

²²⁰ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 89 alt.

²²¹ Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 256 alt.

²²² Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 256 alt.

Evening Prayer for Passiontide
From the Fifth Sunday in Lent until Easter Vigil

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope.
Thanks be to God.

or

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
A light no darkness can extinguish. ²²³

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to offer thanks and praise. ²²⁴

or

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,
stir up in us the fire of your love,
so that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and walk with you in newness of life,
singing the praises of him who died
for us and for our salvation. ²²⁵

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ²²⁶

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ²²⁷

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.
Blessed be God for ever. ²²⁸

²²³ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 61 alt.

²²⁴ *Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer: Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services* (2001), 15.

²²⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 257 alt.

²²⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

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

²²⁸ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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.

At the end of 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. ²²⁹

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ²³⁰

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.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

²²⁹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²³⁰ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

We preach Christ crucified,
the power of God and the wisdom of God.

By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world. ²³¹

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'The Song of Christ's Glory' or 'A Song of Christ the Servant' 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,

the promise made to our ancestors, *

to Abraham and his children for ever. ²³²

Or

The 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.

²³¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 252.

²³² *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant *
and was born in 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. ²³³

Or

A Song of Christ the Servant (1 Peter 2.21b-25)

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, *
that you should follow in his steps.
He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, *
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.
When he suffered, he did not threaten, *
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.
Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, *
so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds, you have been healed, *
for you were straying like sheep,
but now have returned *
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. ²³⁴

At the end of 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. ²³⁵

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ²³⁶

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.

²³³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 259.

²³⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 624 alt.

²³⁵ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²³⁶ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20.

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.**²³⁷

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.²³⁸

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

²³⁷ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

²³⁸ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us offer our praises and prayers
to the one who intercedes for us, saying,
“Lamb of God, we praise you.”

Lord Jesus, you embraced the cross
so that we might learn to give our lives for the sake of love:
Lamb of God, we praise you.

Innocent captive,
you submitted to the judgement of sinners:
Lamb of God, we praise you.

In the hour of death you heard the penitent thief
and opened to him the door of paradise:
Lamb of God, we praise you.

Most merciful Saviour,
you have known the pain of abandonment:
Lamb of God, we praise you.

Lord, you love all whom God has made
and gave up your own self for them:
Lamb of God, we praise you.

Through your self-offering
you have brought the crown of life to all people:
Lamb of God, we praise you.²³⁹

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

- *the persecuted Church;*
- *the oppressed peoples of the world;*
- *all who are lonely;*
- *all who are near to death and*
- *all who are facing loss.*²⁴⁰

²³⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 392 alt.

²⁴⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 364.

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

The Week of Lent 5

God of suffering and glory, in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life through the path of obedience. Inscribe your law in our hearts, so that in life we may not stray from you but may be your people. **Amen.**²⁴¹

Palm/Passion Sunday to Good Friday

Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart, not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and praise him with their lives. **Amen.**²⁴²

Good Friday to Easter Vigil

Compassionate God, your love finds full expression in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son, who willingly met betrayal and death to set us free from sin. Give us courage to live obediently in these days until we greet the glory of our risen Saviour. **Amen.**²⁴³

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,²⁴⁴

**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.

²⁴¹ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 87 alt.

²⁴² Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 91.

²⁴³ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 89 alt.

²⁴⁴ Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 256 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 bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve with him in joy.
Amen.²⁴⁵

²⁴⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 256 alt.

Morning Prayer for Easter
From Easter to Ascension

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us praise our God

who has given us life and hope

by raising Jesus from the dead.

Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress.

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

O God, you have claimed us as your own

and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!²⁴⁶

Or

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt

and led them to freedom in the promised land,

so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness

and brought us into the loving reign of the risen Christ.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,

rejoice in this new day you have made

and praise you for your mighty acts.²⁴⁷

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.²⁴⁸

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.²⁴⁹

or

²⁴⁶ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 98 alt.

²⁴⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 263.

²⁴⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 278.

²⁴⁹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.
Blessed be God forever.²⁵⁰

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.

At the end of 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.²⁵¹

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁵²

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.

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.

²⁵⁰ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

²⁵¹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁵² *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound
and the dead shall be raised.

Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep,
but we shall be changed.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting? ²⁵³

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'The Song of Moses and Miriam' or 'A Song of the New Creation' 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.

²⁵³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 266.

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. ²⁵⁴

Or

The Song of Moses and Miriam (Exodus 15.1b-3, 6, 10, 13, 17)

I will sing to the Lord, for you have triumphed gloriously, *
the horse and rider you have thrown into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my song *
and has become my salvation.
This is my God whom I will praise, *
the God of my ancestors whom I will exalt.
The Lord is a warrior, *
the Lord is the divine name.
Your mighty hand, O Lord, is glorious in power; *
your mighty hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them; *
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.
In your unfailing love, O Lord, *
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
And by your invincible strength *
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord, *
in the sanctuary which your hands have established. ²⁵⁵

Or

A Song of the New Creation (Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21)

'I am the Lord, your Holy One, *
the Creator of Israel, your Sovereign.'
Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, *
a path in the mighty waters,
'Remember not the former things, *
nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing; *
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert, *
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself, *
that they might declare my praise.' ²⁵⁶

²⁵⁴ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

²⁵⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 265 alt.

²⁵⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 583 alt.

At the end of 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. ²⁵⁷

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ²⁵⁸

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.** ²⁵⁹

Or

²⁵⁷ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁵⁸ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20.

²⁵⁹ *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.²⁶⁰

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying,
'Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.'

May we live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.
Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May all people receive the good news of Christ's victory.
Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May those born to new life in the waters of baptism
know the power of Christ's resurrection.
Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May those who suffer pain and anguish
find healing and peace in the compassion of Christ.
Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May we be united in Christ's undying love
with all who have passed through the gates of death.
Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.²⁶¹

²⁶⁰ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

²⁶¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 382 alt.

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

- *the people of God that they might proclaim the risen Lord;*
- *God's creation that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care;*
- *those in despair and darkness that they may find the hope and light of Christ;*
- *those in fear of death that they may find faith through the resurrection and*
- *prisoners and captives.* ²⁶²

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

Week of Easter

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, so that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep and our faith as true. **Amen.** ²⁶³

Week of Easter 2

O God, you raised up Jesus Christ as your faithful witness and the first-born of the dead. By your Holy Spirit, help us to witness to him so that those who have not yet seen may come to believe in him who is, and was, and is to come. **Amen.** ²⁶⁴

Week of Easter 3

Holy and righteous God, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him at your right hand. Let the words of scripture, fulfilled in Jesus your Son, burn within our hearts and open our minds to recognize him in the breaking of bread. **Amen.** ²⁶⁵

Week of Easter 4

Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, so that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you for ever. **Amen.** ²⁶⁶

Week of Easter 5

God of life, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life, so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. **Amen.** ²⁶⁷

²⁶² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 365.

²⁶³ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 106 alt.

²⁶⁴ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 115.

²⁶⁵ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 116.

²⁶⁶ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 118 alt.

²⁶⁷ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 120.

Week of Easter 6

Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, so that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvellous victory. **Amen.** ²⁶⁸

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us, ²⁶⁹

**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. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.** ²⁷⁰

²⁶⁸ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 122 alt.

²⁶⁹ Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 268 alt.

²⁷⁰ Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 268.

Evening Prayer for Easter

From Easter to Ascension

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope.
Thanks be to God.

or

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
A light no darkness can extinguish. ²⁷¹

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to offer thanks and praise. ²⁷²

or

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of the living,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the deep waters of death
you brought your people to new birth
by raising Jesus to life in triumph.
Through him dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.
As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light,
may our lives reflect his glory
and our lips repeat the endless song. ²⁷³

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ²⁷⁴

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ²⁷⁵

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.
Blessed be God for ever. ²⁷⁶

²⁷¹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 61 alt.

²⁷² *Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer: Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services* (2001), 15.

²⁷³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 269 alt.

²⁷⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

²⁷⁵ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

²⁷⁶ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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.

At the end of 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.²⁷⁷

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.²⁷⁸

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.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

²⁷⁷ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

²⁷⁸ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20.

Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your sting?
Christ is risen from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
Death is swallowed up in victory.
The trumpet will sound
and the dead shall be raised.
Where, O death, is your sting?
We shall not all sleep,
but we shall be changed.
Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your sting?²⁷⁹

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of Faith' 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,
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.²⁸⁰

Or

²⁷⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 266.

²⁸⁰ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

A Song of Faith (1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21)

Blessed are you, the God and Father *
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By your great mercy we have been 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 us,
who are being protected by your power through faith, *
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
We were ransomed from the futile ways of our 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 Christ we have confidence in your, O God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, *
so that our faith and hope are set on you. ²⁸¹

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 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.
For the creation waits with eager longing *
for the revealing of the children of God. ²⁸²

At the end of 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. ²⁸³

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

²⁸¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005) 271 alt.

²⁸² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005) 615 alt.

²⁸³ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. **Amen.** ²⁸⁴

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.** ²⁸⁵

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.**

²⁸⁴ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20.

²⁸⁵ *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.²⁸⁶

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us pray, saying, 'Giver of life, hear our prayer.'

Fill us with the joy of Christ's holy and life-giving resurrection.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.

Strengthen isolated and persecuted churches in the Easter gospel.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.

Grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.

Provide for those who lack food, work or shelter.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.

Bring wars and famines throughout the earth to an end.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.

Reveal the light of your presence to the sick, the weak and the dying.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.

Send the fire of your Holy Spirit upon your people.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.²⁸⁷

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

- *the people of God that they might proclaim the risen Lord;*
- *God's creation that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care;*

²⁸⁶ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

²⁸⁷ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 122-123 alt.

- *those in despair and darkness that they may find the hope and light of Christ;*
- *those in fear of death that they may find faith through the resurrection and*
- *prisoners and captives.*²⁸⁸

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

Week of Easter

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, so that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep and our faith as true. **Amen.**²⁸⁹

Week of Easter 2

O God, you raised up Jesus Christ as your faithful witness and the first-born of the dead. By your Holy Spirit, help us to witness to him so that those who have not yet seen may come to believe in him who is, and was, and is to come. **Amen.**²⁹⁰

Week of Easter 3

Holy and righteous God, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him at your right hand. Let the words of scripture, fulfilled in Jesus your Son, burn within our hearts and open our minds to recognize him in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**²⁹¹

Week of Easter 4

Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, so that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you for ever. **Amen.**²⁹²

Week of Easter 5

God of life, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life, so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. **Amen.**²⁹³

Week of Easter 6

Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, so that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvellous victory. **Amen.**²⁹⁴

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

²⁸⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 365.

²⁸⁹ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 106 alt.

²⁹⁰ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 115.

²⁹¹ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 116.

²⁹² *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 118 alt.

²⁹³ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 120.

²⁹⁴ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 122 alt.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,²⁹⁵

**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. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Evening Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**²⁹⁶

²⁹⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 268 alt.

²⁹⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 268.

Morning Prayer for Pentecost
From Ascension through Trinity Sunday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Your love, O God, has been poured into our hearts.
We abide in you and you in us.
We will give thanks to you and call upon your name;
we will make known your deeds among the peoples.
We raise our songs of praise to you
and speak of all your marvellous works.
You alone are the Holy One,
who was and is and is to come!²⁹⁷

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. Alleluia.²⁹⁸

Blessed are you, creator God,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters
bringing light and life to your creation,
pour out your Spirit on us today
so that we may walk as children of light
and by your grace reveal your presence.²⁹⁹

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.³⁰⁰

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.³⁰¹

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

²⁹⁷ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 98-99 alt.

²⁹⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 278.

²⁹⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 278 alt.

³⁰⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 278.

³⁰¹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

Blessed be God forever. ³⁰²

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

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

At the end of the Psalm(s) 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. ³⁰³

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ³⁰⁴

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.

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.

³⁰² *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

³⁰³ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

³⁰⁴ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.
All who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.
Renew the face of your creation, Creator of all,
and pour on us the gifts of your Spirit,
and kindle in us the fire of your love.
For the creation waits with eager longing
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.
**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**³⁰⁵

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Ezekiel' or 'A Song of Judith' 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.³⁰⁶

Or

³⁰⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 281 alt.

³⁰⁶ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

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

I will take you from the nations, *
and gather you from all the countries.
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. ³⁰⁷

Or

A Song of Judith (Judith 16.13-16)

I will sing a new song to my God, *
for you are great and glorious,
truly strong and invincible.
May your whole creation serve you, *
for you spoke and all things came to be.
You sent forth your Spirit and they were formed, *
for no one can resist your voice.
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths; *
at your presence rocks shall melt like wax.
But to those who fear you, *
you continue to show mercy.
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, *
but whoever fears you
shall stand in your sight for ever. ³⁰⁸

At the end of either 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. ³⁰⁹

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ³¹⁰

³⁰⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 280.

³⁰⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 597 alt.

³⁰⁹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

³¹⁰ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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.³¹¹**

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.³¹²

³¹¹ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

³¹² *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying,
'God of the prophets, hear our prayer.'

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places
and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood.
God of the prophets, hear our prayer.

Let all peoples acknowledge your reign of justice and peace
and grant on earth the blessing of peace.
God of the prophets, hear our prayer.

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
and renew your church with power from on high.
God of the prophets, hear our prayer.

May peace abound and righteousness flourish,
so that we may vanquish injustice and wrong.
God of the prophets, hear our prayer.

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation,
and grant us the needful gifts of your grace.
God of the prophets, hear our prayer.³¹³

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

- *God's royal priesthood, for empowerment by the Spirit;*
- *those who wait on God, that they may find renewal;*
- *all people, that they may acknowledge the reign of the ascended Christ;*
- *the earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests and*
- *all who are struggling with broken relationships.*³¹⁴

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

³¹³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 383 alt.

³¹⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 365 alt.

Ascension to the Sunday after Ascension

Risen and ascended Christ, you surround us with witnesses and send us the Counsellor who opens our minds to understand your teaching. Bless us with such grace so that our lives may become a blessing for the world now, and in the age to come. **Amen.**³¹⁵

Sunday after Ascension to Pentecost

God of boundless grace, you call us to drink freely of the well of life and to share the love of your holy being. May the glory of your love, made known in the victory of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, transform our lives and the world he lived and died to save. We ask this in his name and for his sake. **Amen.**³¹⁶

Pentecost to Trinity Sunday

Holy God, you spoke the world into being. Pour your Spirit to the ends of the earth, so that your children may return from exile as citizens of your commonwealth, and our divisions may be healed by your word of love and righteousness. **Amen.**³¹⁷

The Week of Trinity Sunday

God of delight, your Wisdom sings your Word at the crossroads where humanity and divinity meet. Invite us into your joyful being where you know and are known in each beginning, in all sustenance, in every redemption, so that we may manifest your unity in the diverse ministries your entrust to us, truly reflecting your triune majesty in the faith that acts, in the hope that does not disappoint, and in the love that endures. **Amen.**³¹⁸

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,³¹⁹

**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.**

³¹⁵ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 124 alt.

³¹⁶ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 125 alt.

³¹⁷ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 126.

³¹⁸ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 139 alt.

³¹⁹ Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 283 alt.

**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. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. **Amen.**³²⁰

³²⁰ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 268.

Evening Prayer for Pentecost
From Ascension to the Sunday after Trinity

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope.

Thanks be to God.

or

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can extinguish. ³²¹

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to offer thanks and praise. ³²²

or

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

Raised to your side in honour on high,
the ascended Christ shows the prints of love
and bestows on us the gifts of grace.

As your Spirit renews the face of the earth,
may we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
and reveal your glory in all the world. ³²³

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. ³²⁴

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. ³²⁵

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

Blessed be God forever. ³²⁶

³²¹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 61 alt.

³²² *Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer: Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services* (2001), 15.

³²³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 284 alt.

³²⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 278.

³²⁵ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

³²⁶ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

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

At the end of the Psalm(s) 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. ³²⁷

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ³²⁸

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.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;
you renew the face of the earth.

³²⁷ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

³²⁸ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

**When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;
you renew the face of the earth.**

O Creator of all, how manifold are your works;
in wisdom you have made them all.

**When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;
you renew the face of the earth.**³²⁹

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 Redemption' 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,
the promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.³³⁰

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, *
that we should be holy and blameless before you.

³²⁹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 287 alt.

³³⁰ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

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 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. ³³¹

Or

A Song of Redemption (Colossians 1.13-18a, 19, 20a)

Immortal One, you have delivered us from the power of darkness, *
 and transferred us to the commonwealth of your Beloved;
in whom we have redemption, *
 the forgiveness of our sins.
He is your very image, *
 the firstborn of all creation,
in whom all things were created, *
 in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
through whom and for whom all things were created, *
 who is before all things and in whom all things hold together.
Your Beloved is the head of the body, the church, *
 and is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead,
in whom all your fullness was pleased to dwell; *
 and through whom you were pleased to reconcile all things. ³³²

At the end of either 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. ³³³

or

³³¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 618 alt.

³³² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 620 alt.

³³³ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ³³⁴

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.** ³³⁵

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.**

³³⁴ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

³³⁵ *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. ³³⁶

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, saying,
'Come, Holy Spirit, come.'

Come, Holy Spirit, creator:
renew the face of the earth.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor:
touch our lips so that we may proclaim your word.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high:
make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God:
give life to the dry bones of this exiled age,
and make us a living people, holy and free.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth:
strengthen us in the risk of faith.
Come, Holy Spirit, come. ³³⁷

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

- *God's royal priesthood, for empowerment by the Spirit;*

³³⁶ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

³³⁷ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 123 alt.

- *those who wait on God, that they may find renewal;*
- *all people, that they may acknowledge the reign of the ascended Christ;*
- *the earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests and*
- *all who are struggling with broken relationships.*³³⁸

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

Ascension to the Sunday after Ascension

Risen and ascended Christ, you surround us with witnesses and send us the Counsellor who opens our minds to understand your teaching. Bless us with such grace so that our lives may become a blessing for the world now, and in the age to come. **Amen.**³³⁹

Sunday after Ascension to Pentecost

God of boundless grace, you call us to drink freely of the well of life and to share the love of your holy being. May the glory of your love, made known in the victory of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, transform our lives and the world he lived and died to save. We ask this in his name and for his sake. **Amen.**³⁴⁰

Pentecost to Trinity Sunday

Holy God, you spoke the world into being. Pour your Spirit to the ends of the earth, so that your children may return from exile as citizens of your commonwealth, and our divisions may be healed by your word of love and righteousness. **Amen.**³⁴¹

The Week of Trinity Sunday

God of delight, your Wisdom sings your Word at the crossroads where humanity and divinity meet. Invite us into your joyful being where you know and are known in each beginning, in all sustenance, in every redemption, so that we may manifest your unity in the diverse ministries your entrust to us, truly reflecting your triune majesty in the faith that acts, in the hope that does not disappoint, and in the love that endures. **Amen.**³⁴²

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,³⁴³

³³⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 365 alt.

³³⁹ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 124 alt.

³⁴⁰ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 125 alt.

³⁴¹ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 126.

³⁴² *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 139 alt.

³⁴³ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 283 alt.

**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. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Evening Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. **Amen.**³⁴⁴

³⁴⁴ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 268.

Morning Prayer for All Saints
From All Saints until the First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised.
There is no end of your greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.
All your works praise you,
and your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your reign of justice and peace
and speak of your power.
Our mouths shall speak your praise;
let all flesh praise your holy name for ever and ever. ³⁴⁵

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 kingdom. ³⁴⁶

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
ruler and judge of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of this age that is passing away
may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy
surround our steps as we journey on.
May we reflect your glory this day
and so be made ready to see your face
in the heavenly city where night shall be no more. ³⁴⁷

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ³⁴⁸

or

³⁴⁵ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 99 alt.

³⁴⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

³⁴⁷ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

³⁴⁸ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. ³⁴⁹

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.
Blessed be God for ever. ³⁵⁰

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.

At the end of 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. ³⁵¹

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ³⁵²

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.

³⁴⁹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

³⁵⁰ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

³⁵¹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

³⁵² *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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.

You are righteous, O Lord, and delight in righteous deeds;
the just shall see your face.

**You are righteous, O Lord, and delight in righteous deeds;
the just shall see your face.**

When the foundations are being destroyed,
what can the righteous do?

You are righteous, O Lord, and delight in righteous deeds.

Your eyes behold the inhabited world;
your piercing eye weighs our worth.

The just shall see your face.

You weigh the righteous as well as the wicked,
but those who delight in violence, you abhor.

**You are righteous, O Lord, and delight in righteous deeds;
the just shall see your face.**³⁵³

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 New Creation' or 'A Song of Wisdom' 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.

³⁵³ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 109 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. ³⁵⁴

Or

A Song of the New Creation (Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21)

'I am the Lord, your Holy One, *
the Creator of Israel, your Sovereign.'
Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, *
a path in the mighty waters.
"Remember not the former things, *
nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing; *
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, *
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself, *
that they might declare my praise.' ³⁵⁵

Or

A Song of Wisdom (Wisdom 9.1-4, 9-11)

O God of our ancestors and Lord of mercy, *
you have made all things by your word.
By your wisdom you have formed us, *
to have dominion over the creatures you have made;
to rule the world in holiness and righteousness *
and to pronounce judgement in uprightness of soul.
Give us the Wisdom that sits by your throne; *
do not reject us from among your servants,
With you is Wisdom, she who knows your works, *
and was present when you made the world.
She understands what is pleasing in your sight *
and what is right according to your commandments.
Send her forth from the holy heavens *
from the throne of your glory send her,
so that she may labour at our side *
and so that we may learn what is pleasing to you.

³⁵⁴ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 303.

³⁵⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 293 alt.

For she knows and understands all things, *
she will guide us wisely in our actions
and guard us with her glory. ³⁵⁶

At the end of 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. ³⁵⁷

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ³⁵⁸

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.** ³⁵⁹

³⁵⁶ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 599 alt.

³⁵⁷ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

³⁵⁸ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

³⁵⁹ *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. ³⁶⁰

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us give thanks to the God of all the faithful.

For the beauty and wonder of creation:
God of all the faithful, we thank you.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,
revealing the image of Christ:
God of all the faithful, we thank you.

For our daily food, for our friends and families:
God of all the faithful, we thank you.

For minds to think and hearts to love:
God of all the faithful, we thank you.

For health, strength and skill to work,
and for leisure to rest and play:
God of all the faithful, we thank you.

³⁶⁰ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

For those who are brave and courageous,
patient in suffering and faithful in adversity:
God of all the faithful, we thank you.

For all who pursue peace, justice and truth:
God of all the faithful, we thank you.

For [. . . and] all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ:
God of all the faithful, we thank you. ³⁶¹

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

- *the saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven;*
- *all people, that they may hear and believe the word of God;*
- *all who fear the winter months;*
- *all sovereigns and political leaders, that they may imitate the righteous rule of Christ and*
- *all who grieve or wait with the dying.* ³⁶²

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

Week of All Saints

God of unfailing light, in your realm of glory the poor are blessed, the hungry filled and every tear is wiped away. Strengthened by this vision, may we follow in the way of holiness that your Son made known in life and death. **Amen.** ³⁶³

Week of the Sunday between 6 and 12 November inclusive

Ever-living God, you inscribe our names in your book of life, so that we may share in the first-fruits of salvation. Grant that we may acknowledge Christ as our redeemer and, trusting in him, be confident that none of your own will be lost or forgotten. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.** ³⁶⁴

Week of the Sunday between 13 and 19 November inclusive

O God, in Christ you give us hope for a new heaven and a new earth. Grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of our times, courage to stand in the time of trial, and faith to witness to your truth and love. **Amen.** ³⁶⁵

³⁶¹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 128 alt.

³⁶² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 365.

³⁶³ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 226.

³⁶⁴ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 211 alt.

³⁶⁵ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 214.

The Reign of Christ to the First Sunday of Advent

Holy God, our refuge and strength, you have redeemed your scattered children, gathering them from all the corners of the earth through your firstborn, the Christ, in whom all things are held together. Make of us a just and righteous people, worthy by grace to inherit with him the kingdom of light and peace where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**³⁶⁶

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting with the whole company of heaven
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,³⁶⁷

**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 Christ, who has opened to us the gates of heaven, bring us to reign with him in glory. **Amen.**³⁶⁸

³⁶⁶ Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), 218.

³⁶⁷ Common Praise: Daily Prayer (2005), 302 alt.

³⁶⁸ Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 296.

Evening Prayer for All Saints
From All Saints until the First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can extinguish. ³⁶⁹

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. ³⁷⁰

or

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
Now, as darkness is falling,
wash away our transgressions,
cleanse us by your refining fire
and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.
By the light of Christ,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
and make us ready to enter your reign of justice and peace,
where songs of praise for ever sound. ³⁷¹

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. ³⁷²

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. ³⁷³

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

Blessed be God for ever. ³⁷⁴

³⁶⁹ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 61.

³⁷⁰ *Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer: Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services* (2001), 15.

³⁷¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 297 alt.

³⁷² *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 291.

³⁷³ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece alt.

³⁷⁴ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

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.

At the end of 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.³⁷⁵

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.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.³⁷⁶

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.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

³⁷⁵ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

³⁷⁶ *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

You are righteous, O Lord, and delight in righteous deeds;
the just shall see your face.

**You are righteous, O Lord, and delight in righteous deeds;
the just shall see your face.**

When the foundations are being destroyed,
what can the righteous do?

You are righteous, O Lord, and delight in righteous deeds.

Your eyes behold the inhabited world;
your piercing eye weighs our worth.

The just shall see your face.

You weigh the righteous as well as the wicked,
but those who delight in violence, you abhor.

**You are righteous, O Lord, and delight in righteous deeds;
the just shall see your face.**³⁷⁷

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 Assembled' 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,
the promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.³⁷⁸

Or

³⁷⁷ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 109 alt.

³⁷⁸ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 315 alt.

A Song of the Blessed (Matthew 5.3-12)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, *
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, *
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, *
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, *
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, *
for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, *
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, *
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, *
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you *
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, *
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you.³⁷⁹

Or

A Song of God's Assembled (Hebrews 12.22-24a, 28, 29)

We have come before God's holy mountain, *
to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.
We have come before countless angels making festival, *
before the assembly of the first-born citizens of heaven.
We have come before God, who is judge of all, *
before the spirits of the just made perfect.
We have come before Jesus, *
the mediator of the new covenant.
We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken: *
so let us give thanks and offer God acceptable worship,
full of reverence and awe; *
for our God is a consuming fire.³⁸⁰

At the end of the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

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

³⁷⁹ Matthew 5.3-12 (New Revised Standard Version)

³⁸⁰ Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 299 alt.

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ³⁸¹

or

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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.** ³⁸³

Or

Hear, O Israel

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

³⁸¹ *Celebrating Common Prayer* (1992), frontispiece.

³⁸² *Enriching Our Worship I* (1998), 20 alt.

³⁸³ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), 105.

**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. ³⁸⁴

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us pray to the God of all the faithful.

With the noble fellowship of the prophets
may we discern the signs of your reign in our midst:
God of all the faithful, remember your promise of mercy.

With the glorious company of the apostles
may we proclaim your gospel throughout the world:
God of all the faithful, remember your promise of mercy.

With the white-robed army of martyrs
may we be ready to suffer for the truth's sake:
God of all the faithful, remember your promise of mercy.

With all who are anointed by your Spirit
may we bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed:
God of all the faithful, remember your promise of mercy.

With the saints in light
may we bind up the broken-hearted and comfort all who mourn:
God of all the faithful, remember your promise of mercy.

With the whole company of Christ's pilgrim people
may we come to the inheritance of the saints in glory:
God of all the faithful, remember your promise of mercy. ³⁸⁵

³⁸⁴ *The Book of Alternative Services* (1985), 53.

³⁸⁵ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 384 alt.

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

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The Lord's Prayer

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³⁸⁹ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 214.

³⁹⁰ *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002), 218.

and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,³⁹¹

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your will be done,
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