

DAILY MORNING PRAYER
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OPENING SONG OF WORSHIP

In Christ Alone - by Keith Getty/Stuart Townend

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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OPENING SENTENCE

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth."
Psalm 124:8

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:2

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the People:

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Officiant and People pray:

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own
hearts.**

We have offended against your holy laws.

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have
done, and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their
faults.**

**Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may
now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your
holy Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit. Amen.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's Name be praised.

VENITE- PSALM 95:1-7, 8-11

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God*
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the depths of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship and fall down, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

**Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts *
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the
wilderness,
When your fathers tested me, *
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.
Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, *
It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not known
my ways,
Of whom I swore in my wrath *
that they should not enter into my rest.**

THE PSALM OR PSALMS APPOINTED

At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said

**Glory be 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.**

THE LESSONS

A Reading from _____.
After each lesson the Reader may say

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTUS - LUKE 1:68-79

The Song of Zechariah

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
He has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of 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 in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory be 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.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever
and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People: And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: And let your people sing with joy.

Officiant: O Lord, save your people;

People: And bless your inheritance.

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: And defend us by your mighty power.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And restore to us the joy of Your salvation

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

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

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

How Deep The Father's Love- by Stuart Townend

**How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure**

**How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers**

**It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished**

**I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection**

**Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom**

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SERMON

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy
Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SONG

He Will Hold Me Fast- by Keith Getty

**When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.**

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

**Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.**

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

**For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!**

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

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BENEDICTION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** 2
Corinthians 13:14