DAILY MORNING PRAYER

The Officiant may begin Morning Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture. One of the following, or a sentence from among those provided at the end of the Office (pages 27-29), is customary.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  

PHILIPPIANS 1:2

or this

I was glad when they said unto me, “We will go into the house of the LORD.”  

PSALM 122:1

or this

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.  

PSALM 19:14

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the People

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

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.

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance
and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or this

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.

A Deacon or layperson remains kneeling and prays

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All stand.

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 ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Officiant Praise the Lord.
People The Lord’s Name be praised.

Then follows the Venite. Alternatively, the Jubilate may be used.

One of these antiphons, or one from the seasonal antiphons provided at the end of the Office (pages 29-30), may be sung or said before and after the Invitatory Psalm.

The earth is the Lord’s for he made it: *
   O come, let us adore him.

or this

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: *
   O come, let us adore him.

or this

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: *
   O come, let us adore him.

VENITE
O Come

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.

The following verses may be omitted, except in Lent.

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.

PSALM 95:1-7, 8-11

or this

JUBILATE
Be Joyful

O be joyful in the L ORD, all you lands; * serve the L ORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be assured that the L ORD, he is God; * it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; * be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the L ORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, * and his truth endures from generation to generation.

PSALM 100

During the first week of Easter, the Pascha Nostrum, without antiphons, is used in place of the Invitatory Psalm, and it may be used throughout Eastertide.

PASCHA NOSTRUM
Christ our Passover

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; * therefore let us keep the feast, Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, * but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; * death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; * but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, * and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead, * the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, * by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, * so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8; ROMANS 6:9-11; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-22

Then follows
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 ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

THE LESSONS

One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from _____________.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People   Thanks be to God.

Or the Reader may say

Here ends the Reading.

The following Canticles are normally sung or said after each of the lessons. The Officiant may also use a Canticle drawn from the Supplemental Canticles (pages 79-88) or an appropriate song of praise.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; *
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, *
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, *
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you. *
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. *
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, *
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, *
The eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free *
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death *
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory. *
We believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people, *
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints *
to glory everlasting.

The following verses may be omitted
Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance; *
govern and uphold them now and always.
Day by day we bless you; *
we praise your Name for ever.
Keep us today, Lord, from all sin; *
have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, show us your love and mercy,*
for we have put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope; *
let us never be put to shame.

_During Lent the Benedictus es, Domine usually replaces the Te Deum, and it may be used at other times._

**BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE**

_A Song of Praise_

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

_SONG OF THE THREE YOUNG MEN, 29-34_

**BENEDICTUS**

_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 ever shall be,
   world without end. Amen.

LUKE 1:68-79

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

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 with your spirit.
Officiant  Let us pray.

The People kneel or stand.

Lord, have mercy upon us.        Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy upon us. or    Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy upon us.         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.

Our Father in heaven,
   hallowed be your Name,
   your kingdom come,
   your will be done,
   on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And 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 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 take not your Holy Spirit from us.

The Officiant then prays one or more of the following Collects, always beginning with the Collect of the Day (usually the Collect of the Sunday or Principal Feast and of any of the weekdays following, or of the Holy Day being observed), found on pages 598-640. It is traditional to pray the Collects for Peace and Grace daily. Alternatively, one may pray the Collects on a weekly rotation, using the suggestions in italics.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
From the Collects of the Christian Year

A COLLECT FOR STRENGTH TO AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN
Sunday

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE
Monday

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE
Tuesday

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 GUIDANCE
Thursday

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

A COLLECT FOR ENDURANCE

Friday

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR SABBATH REST

Saturday

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Unless the Great Litany or the Eucharist is to follow, one of the following prayers for mission is added. If the Great Litany is used, it follows here, or after a hymn or anthem, and concludes the Office.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels; Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or this

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or this

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following prayers may be used.

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.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSTOSOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, “Alleluia, alleluia” may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant says one of these concluding sentences (and the People may be invited to join)
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
May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ROMANS 15:13
Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21
OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

ADVENT
In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
ISAIAH 40:3

CHRISTMAS
Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
LUKE 2:10-11

EPHPHANY
From the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.
MALACHI 1:11

LENT and OTHER PENITENTIAL OCCASIONS
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
MATTHEW 3:2

Turn your face from my sins, and blot out all my misdeeds.
PSALM 51:9

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
MARK 8:34

HOLY WEEK
Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.
LAMENTATIONS 1:12

EASTER
If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
COLOSSIANS 3:1

ASCENSION
Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
HEBREWS 4:14, 16

PENTECOST
You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
ACTS 1:8

TRINITY SUNDAY
Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!
REVELATION 4:8

DAYS OF THANKSGIVING
Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.
AT ANY TIME

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

HABAKKUK 2:20

O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill, and to your dwelling.

PSALM 43:3

Thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

ISAIAH 57:15

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

JOHN 4:23

SEASONAL ANTIPHONS

ADVENT

Our King and Savior now draws near: *

O come, let us adore him.

CHRISTMAS

Alleluia, to us a child is born: *

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

EPHPHANY, and THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

The Lord has shown forth his glory: *

O come, let us adore him.

PRESENTATION and ANNUNCIATION

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: *

O come, let us adore him.

LENT

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: *

O come, let us adore him.

EASTER UNTIL ASCENSION

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: *

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

ASCENSION UNTIL PENTECOST

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: *

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

DAY OF PENTECOST

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: *

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

TRINITY SUNDAY
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God: *
  O come, let us adore him.

ALL SAINTS’ and OTHER MAJOR SAINTS’ DAYS

The Lord is glorious in his saints: *
  O come, let us adore him.

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS

The Confession and Apostles’ Creed may be omitted, provided each is said at least once during the course of
the day.

The Gloria Patri (Glory be...) in the opening versicles may be said in unison. The following form of the
Gloria Patri may alternatively be used:

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.

The Officiant and People may join in saying “Alleluia” (except in Lent) as an alternative to the versicles “Praise
the Lord. The Lord’s Name be praised.”

If an offering is to be received, it is appropriate to do so during the hymn or anthem following the Collects.
A sermon may be preached after the lessons, after the hymn or anthem following the Collects, or after the
conclusion of the Office.