



Blyth Valley Parishes

Morning Prayer

Welcome to this service. Worship follows the order set out below.
Please join in by reading the words in **Bold type**.
The Minister will direct where alternative texts are offered.
If you are able, you are invited to stand and sit as suggested.
Do ask the people you met at the door if you need any assistance.
We pray you find this experience of God with us meaningful, healing
and life-changing.

Preparation

Stand for entry of minister(s)

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

Give us the joy of your saving help
and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Hymn

Stand

Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our
sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord, **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

A minute's silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sit

The Word of God

The Psalm(s)

Verses usually read by each side alternately,
pausing at the diamond ♦.
The refrain is said by all at the beginning and after:

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Hymn

Stand

First Scripture Reading

Canticle

Said as the Psalm

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.**

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, ♦
for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; ♦
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.

Riches and honour come from you ♦
and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might; ♦
yours it is to give power and strength to all.

And now we give you thanks, our God, ♦
and praise your glorious name.

For all things come from you, ♦
and of your own have we given you.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.**

Hymn

Stand

Second Scripture Reading

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

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

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears
you will appear with him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

Gospel Canticle

**Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,**

**To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath God 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.**

**And you, 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 all 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.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Sermon

The Creed

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

Prayers

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer. .(or)

Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us

A minute's silence is kept.

The Collect

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

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn

Stand

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand for exit of minister(s)

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