

# Welcome to the Church of St James the Great, Dollar.



The service follows the order in this booklet. Words in **bold type** are said by all. You will be able to follow the readings and some of the prayers on the weekly sheet available on the website. The other words are either said by the *Officiant* (the person leading the service) or another minister.

To get the maximum benefit of your time here with God, please make sure that your mobile phone (if you have one) is turned off.

The main service in the Episcopal Churches is the Eucharist (Sometimes called Holy Communion or the Mass). This table fellowship is very important, but it is only part of the daily cycle of prayer that the Church carries on.

Since Monasteries first developed into Communities almost 1500 years ago members of the church have joined together to pray together and hear scripture several times a day. The Rule of Saint Benedict required adherents to pray at particular times.

- *Vigil*, at about 2.00am
- *Matins*, later on between 3.00am and dawn
- *Lauds*, at dawn.
- *Prime*, during the first hour of full daylight.
- *Terce*, around the third hour, that is 9.00am
- *Sext*, the sixth hour is therefore at noon
- *Nones*, the ninth hour is at our 3.00pm
- *Vespers* is at sunset,
- *Compline* is at the end of the day, just before bed at about 7.00pm

In the early days of the Reformation in England, Thomas Cranmer simplified and condensed these into two services: *Matins*, or Morning Prayer, comprising *Matins*, *Lauds* and *Prime*; and *Evensong*, comprising mainly *Vespers* and *Compline*.

Today, in our Office of Morning Prayer, we are using a simplified version with elements that Cranmer (and indeed Benedict) would recognise, but in contemporary language.

Please try to keep a few moments of quiet prayerfulness before the service begins.

# The Preparation

*The Minister may say*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*      **Amen.**

## The Greeting

*The Minister greets the people*

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

*All*      **Amen**

## First Hymn

## Invocation

**Minister**    O Lord open our lips;  
**All**            and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

**Minister**    O God, make speed to save us;  
**All**            O Lord, make haste to help us

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## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*The Gloria in Excelsis Deo is said, except in Lent :*

**All**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

*In Lent, the following short form is said*

**Minister**  
**All**

**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.**

# **Psalmody**

## **Venite**

O come let us sing out to the Lord,  
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come before his face with thanksgiving  
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms!

**You, Lord are a great God  
a great king above all gods.  
In your hands are the depths of the earth  
the peaks of the mountains are yours also.  
The sea is yours; you made it,  
your hands moulded dry land.**

Come let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our maker!

**You are the Lord our God;  
we are your people, the sheep of your pasture.**

Today if only you would hear his voice:  
'Do not harden your hearts like Israel in the wilderness.'

**Our forebears tested you,  
wanted proof though they had seen your works.  
So you swore in your wrath,  
'They shall not enter my rest.'**

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.**



## First reading

*A reading, usually from the Old Testament section of the Bible. The words for this and the other variable readings are on the weekly sheet, available from the website.*

*At the end of each reading the reader says*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*A Psalm may be said or sung.*

## Second reading

*A reading from the New Testament may follow. At the end, the reader says*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle

*The Benedictus or another canticle (see the Weekly Sheet) is said.*

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.

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.**

## Gospel reading

*A reading from one of the Gospels. At the end the reader says*

Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel.

*All*

**Praise to Christ our Lord**

*A period of silence follows.*

## Response

When your word goes forth it gives light.

**When your word goes forth it gives light.**

It gives understanding to the simple.

**It gives light.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**When your word goes forth it gives light.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*One of the following forms of prayer should be used. In exceptional circumstances, other prayers may be used.*

### Form I

*(If there is anything, any situation or any individual that we need to pray for, it will be mentioned here.)*

*All* Father, we pray for your Holy, catholic Church;  
**that all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*All* **that your name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, ministers, deacons and lay leaders;  
*All* **that they may be faithful ministers of the Gospel in Word and Sacrament.**

We pray for all who govern and exercise authority or influence throughout the world;  
*All* **that there may be peace and justice on Earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*All* **that our works may find favour in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*All* **that they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed, eternal rest and peace;  
*All* **and let light perpetual shine on them.**

We praise you for your Saints who have now entered glory;  
*All* **May we come to share in your heavenly Kingdom.**

Lord God, mercifully accept the prayers of  
your people, and strengthen us to do your  
will; through Jesus Christ our Lord;

*All*      **Amen.**

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## **Form 2**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God...

*All*      For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for  
those who are alone.**

*All*      For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*All*      For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and  
oppression.**

*All*      For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and  
the needy.**

*All*      For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the  
Truth.**

*All*      For all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*A short period of silence is kept for our own personal prayers*

*All*      Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

*All*      We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**All**     **Who put their trust in you.**

Lord God,  
mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and  
strengthen us to do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

**All**     **Amen.**

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### **Form 3**

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

As we pray for your church, we pray particularly for...

Lord, in your mercy

**All**     **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

As we pray for your people, we pray for...

Lord, in your mercy

**All**     **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

As we pray for your world, we pray for...

Lord, in your mercy

**All**     **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

As we pray for our neighbours, we pray for...

Lord, in your mercy

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for...

Lord, in your mercy

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, (*especially...*) We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with them and all your saints in your eternal kingdom

Lord, in your mercy

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## The Collect

*The minister introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or something similar. Our prayers are "collected" together, with a special seasonal prayer.*

*All*

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,  
we are bold to pray:

**All**

**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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore.

**All**

**Amen.**

## Notices and Announcements

## The Peace

We meet in Christ's name  
**Let us share His peace**

**All**

## Second Hymn



## Address

*A sermon or address may be given.*

*Preach the Gospel at all times.  
If necessary, use words.*

*(St Francis of Assisi)*

*After the address, there is a time of quiet for reflection.*

## Final Hymn

## Dismissal

*The minister says or sings*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*

**In the name of Christ: Amen.**

*The minister and people depart.*