

# An Order of Service for Morning & Evening Prayer

## Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made*

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

**All: Amen.**

## Opening Prayer

*This or an alternative opening prayer is said*

Heavenly Father, we come to you in this time of prayer knowing You are listening and trusting you to answer. We also ask that you cast out any distractions that would take our attention away from You, asking for the protection and guidance of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Psalm of the Day

*One or more Psalms are read*

## Private Confession

*A time of silence is kept for private confession*

## Absolution

*The service leaders assure those present of God's forgiveness*

May Almighty God, who sent His Son into the world to save sinners, bring us His pardon and His peace, now and forever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*The Apostles' Creed, or an alternative affirmation of faith, may be said*

**All: 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 power of 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.**

## Readings from Scripture

*The assigned readings for the day are read*

## Reflection / Discussion

*A reflection and/ or discussion relating to the readings for the day*

## Prayers

*A time of praying Up for ourselves,  
In for our congregation and the wider Body of Christ  
Out for the world and those who do not yet know Christ.*

*This time may begin with the Collect of the day  
and Martin Luther's Morning/Evening Prayer*

## Luther's Morning / Evening Prayer

*This prayer may be said*

**All: I give thanks to you, heavenly Father,  
through Jesus Christ your dear Son,  
that you have protected me from all danger and harm;  
and I beseech you to preserve and keep me,  
this day/night, from all sin and evil;  
that in all my thoughts, words, and deeds, I may serve and please you.  
Into your hands I commend my body and soul, and all that I have.  
Let your holy angel guard me,  
that the wicked one may have no power over me. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Praying the Family Prayer, as Christ taught us*

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*Closing the time of prayer*

May Almighty God, The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit  
bless us and preserve us.

**All: Amen.**