

A prayer before the Office may be said.

Preparation

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

All Amen.

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help

All and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

We have come together, virtually, 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.

This opening prayer is said

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

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 forever.

All Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Let us keep a moment of silence now as we recall and confess our sins.

All **My God, for love of you**
I desire to hate and forsake all sins
by which I have ever displeased you;
and I resolve by the help of your grace
to commit them no more;
and to avoid all opportunities of sin.
Help me to do this,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalm(s) of the day are said.

Each psalm ends with:

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 forever.
Amen.

First Reading

Canticle: Venite, exultemus Domino

This may be said by everyone or by the Service Leader alone.

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; ♦
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ♦
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God ♦
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth ♦
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, ♦
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down ♦
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God; ♦
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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 forever.
Amen.

Second Reading

Silence may be kept.

Responsory

Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

All Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

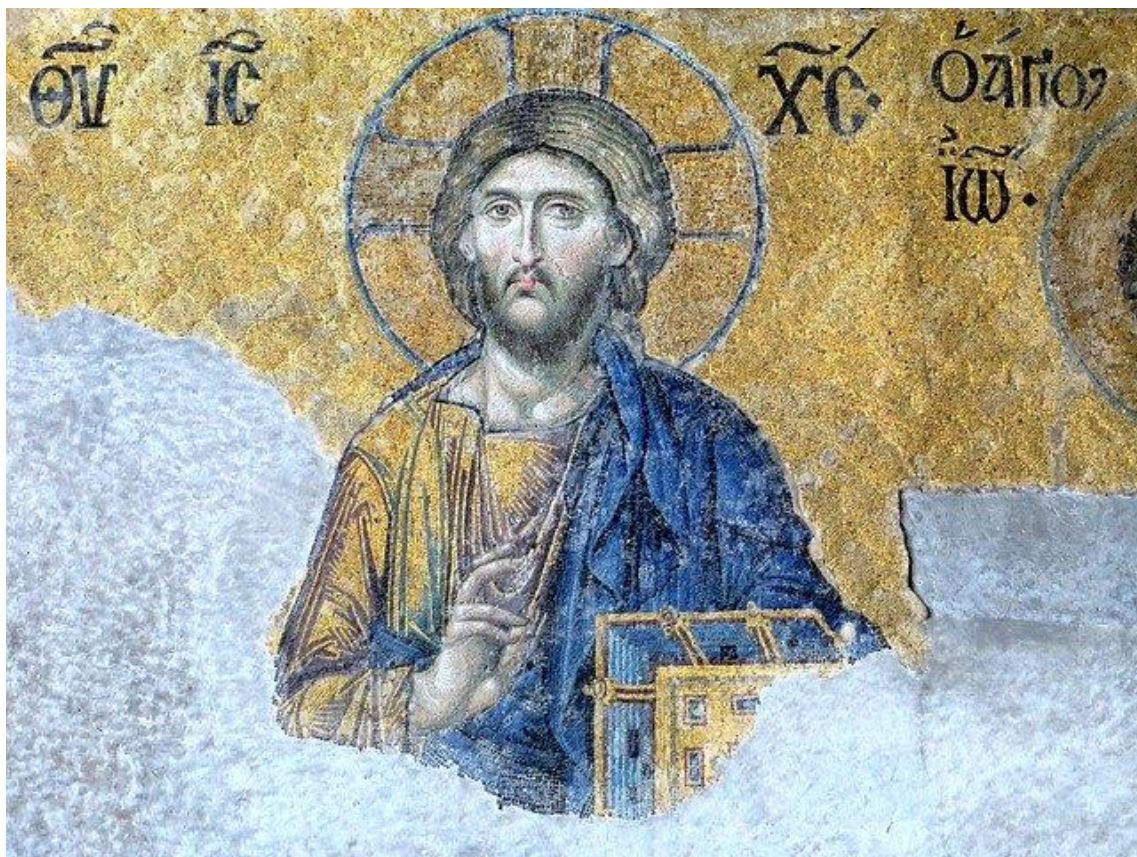
I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

All I have called you by name; you are mine.

from Isaiah 43



Mosaic found inside Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

This may be said by all or by the Service Leader alone

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

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9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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 forever.
Amen.

Reflection

A brief Spiritual Reflection from a devotional book, biblical commentary, sermon of a saint or one of the early Church Fathers is read.

Silence is kept.



The Apostles' Creed

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Creed as we say:

All 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

Intercessions are offered followed by The Collect prayer:

The Collect

The Collect of the day is prayed and all respond:

All Amen.

The prayers conclude with:

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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
forever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

The service ends with:

All **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.**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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