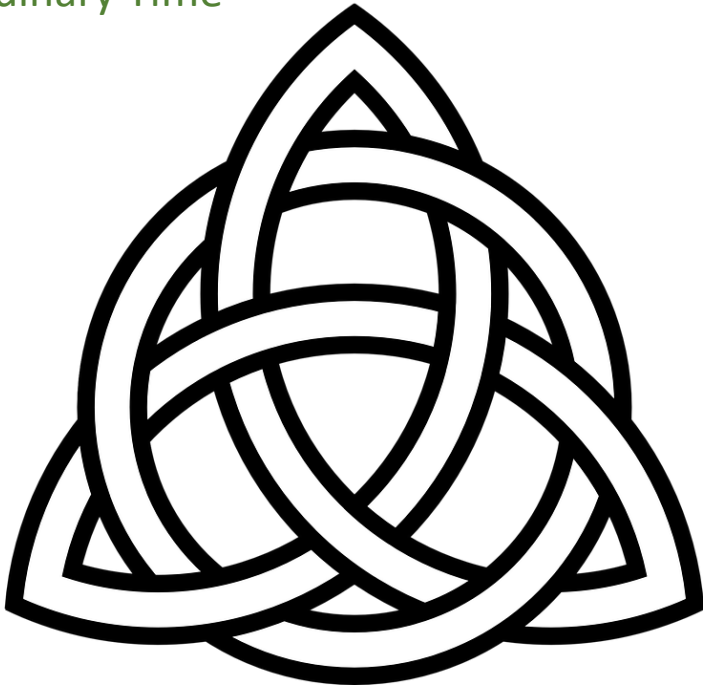


# SERVICES FOR USE AT HOME

Ordinary Time





## Introduction

The time known as 'Ordinary Time' when we traditionally use green vestments and hangings is a time when we are neither fasting or feasting, neither celebrating or preparing.

Whilst the use of the colour green for these periods is just a coincidence (it's between the dark purple of preparation and the bright white or gold of celebration on the colour spectrum) it has been referred to by some as the 'great green growing season' where we put into practice all that we have learned and gained from our fasting and feasting.

It also provides some much needed breathing space for us, especially in the long gap between Pentecost and Advent, where we can just simply be with God.

A note about readings for use with Morning Prayer can be found at the back of this booklet.

If there is any way in which we can be supporting you or praying for you please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With our love and prayers,

*The Ministry Team*

## **A prayer for this time**

Heavenly Father,  
our ever present help in trouble,  
our fortress and our God:  
calm the anxious fears of all who turn to you;  
give strength and healing to those who are sick,  
and courage and skill to those who care for them;  
grant wisdom and clarity to those in authority;  
and humble us all to call upon you,  
that we may be saved not only in this life,  
but also for that which is to come.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **A Simple Order of Morning Prayer in Ordinary Time**

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

We sing to you, O Lord, and bless your name,  
**And tell of your salvation from day to day.**

**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.**

Worship the Lord.  
**All praise to his name.**

*Silent prayer/reflection on the coming day. Then:  
On Sundays*

Eternal God,  
we praise and thank you for the day  
on which you created light  
and saw that it was good;  
the day on which the disciples  
discovered the empty tomb  
and met the risen Christ.

This is the day that you have made;  
we rejoice and are glad in it.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Or, on weekdays*

Blessed are you, sovereign God, creator of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You founded the earth in the beginning  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

You have made us in your image  
and in these last days you have spoken to us  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Let the light of your love always shine in our  
hearts,

your Spirit ever renew our lives  
and your praise ever be on our lips,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*On Sundays the Jubilate is said, on weekdays the  
Venite:*

## ***Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)***

**The Lord is gracious, his steadfast love is everlasting.**

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth:  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God:  
it is he that has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise:  
give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting:  
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**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.**

**The Lord is gracious, his steadfast love is everlasting.**

## ***Venite exultemus Domino (Psalm 95)***

**Come, let us worship and bow down.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord:  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our  
salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving:  
and be glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:  
and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth:  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it:  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down:  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God:  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep  
of his hand.



O that today you would listen to his voice:  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,

When your forebears tested me, and put me to  
the proof:  
though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and  
said:

"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."

So I swore in my wrath:

"They shall not enter into 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.**

**Come, let us worship and bow down.**

*A Bible Reading is read*

## ***The Benedictus***

**In your tender compassion, O God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel  
for he has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord 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 who hate us.

To show mercy to our forebears  
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 before him 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 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.**

**In your tender compassion, O God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

### ***Prayers***

*Various prayers are offered for:*

*The Church*

*The World*

*The Local Community*

*Those in particular need*

*The Lord's Prayer is said.*

*The Collect for the Day is said or*

O Lord and heavenly Father,  
almighty and everlasting God,  
we thank you for bringing us safely  
to the beginning of this new day:  
defend us by your mighty power  
that we may be kept free from all sin  
and safe from every danger;  
and enable us in everything  
to do only what is right in your eyes;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The second collect, for peace.*

O God, the author of peace and lover of  
concord,  
to know you is eternal life,  
to serve you is perfect freedom:  
defend us in all assaults of our enemies,  
that we, surely trusting in your protection,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The third collect, for grace.*

Eternal God and Father,  
by your power we are created  
and by your love we are redeemed:  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to you  
in love and service of one another;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)**

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night  
and a perfect end. **Amen.**

**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.**

*Silent prayer/reflection on the past day.*

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have  
done what is wrong in your sight. We are sorry  
and repent. In your love, have mercy on us;  
cleanse us from our sin, renew a right spirit  
within us and grant us the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The following hymn may be said or sung.*

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors of the night;  
Tread underfoot our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death.

***Psalm 139***

*or another suitable Psalm, is read.*

O Lord, you have searched me out and known  
me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You mark out my journeys and my resting place;  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue;  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me behind and before;  
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go then from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning;  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
Even there your hand shall lead me;  
your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me;  
and the light around me turn to night,'

Even darkness is no darkness with you;  
the night is as clear as the day;  
darkness and light to you are both alike.

For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully  
made;  
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.



My frame was not hidden from you;  
when I was made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;  
already in your book were all my members  
written,

As day by day they were fashioned;  
when as yet there was none of them.

How deep are your counsels to me, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

If I count them, they are more in number than  
the sand;  
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

**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.**

*One of the following short passages of Scripture  
or another suitable passage is read.*

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God.

*Jeremiah 14.9*

*(or)*

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour. Resist him, strong in the faith.

*1 Peter 5.8, 9*

*(or)*

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

*Revelation 22.4, 5*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**  
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.  
**I commend my spirit.**

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

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

***The Nunc Dimittis.***

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,  
and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every  
people;

A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.

**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.**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,  
and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep may rest in peace.**

### ***Prayers***

*Various prayers are offered, which may include  
this short litany.*

That you will give us a quiet night and a perfect  
end: **we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will have mercy upon us and grant us  
your salvation: **we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will keep us this night without sin:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will guard us and give us your blessing:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will bring us with all your saints to  
glory everlasting: **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we  
pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

*The following Collect is said.*

Visit this place, Lord, we pray,  
drive far from it all the snares of the enemy;  
may your holy angels dwell with us  
and guard us in peace  
and may your blessing be always upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In peace we will lie down and sleep,  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

The Lord bless us and watch over us;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon us  
and be gracious to us;  
the Lord look kindly on us  
and all for whom we pray  
and give us his peace.  
**Amen.**

## Readings

A cycle of readings for the Sundays of the year can be found on our website but if you're using this daily (which we would encourage you to do) you could work through a book of the Bible, do get in touch if you want a recommendation of where to start.

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