

Mid Week Morning Prayer
From "A Wee Worship Book"

Opening Responses

Leader: From the rising of the sun
Till its setting in the west,

All: GOD'S HOLY NAME BE PRAISED.

Leader: On the lips of children
By babies at the breast,

All: GOD'S HOLY NAME BE PRAISED.

Leader: In the visions of the old
And the dreaming of the young,

All: GOD'S HOLY NAME BE PRAISED.

Leader: In the banquet hall of heaven
And the forgotten corners of our hearts,

All: GOD'S HOLY NAME BE PRAISED.

Leader: Let all that has life and breath
Praise the Lord.

All: AMEN.
WE PRAISE THE LORD!

Word of God – John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Prayer

Leader: O God our Creator,
Your kindness has brought us
The gift of a new morning.
Help us to leave yesterday,
And not to covet tomorrow
But to be served by each other.

(Silence)

Leader: Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us
**ALL: JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD,
HAVE MERCY UPON US.**

Leader: I believe that God forgives and sets us free.
**ALL: WE BELIEVE THAT GOD FORGIVES
AND SETS US FREE;
AND AT THE DAY'S BEGINNING,
WE COMMIT OURSELVES
TO FOLLOWING WHERE CHRIST CALLS
AND TO LOVING ONE ANOTHER.**

Collect *(From the Celtic tradition)*

May the blessing of light be upon us,
Light without and light within.
May the blessed sunshine on us
And warm each heart
Till it glows like a great fire,
So that strangers and friends
May come in a warm themselves.
And may the light shine out
From our eyes,
Like a candle set in the windows of a house,

And may the Lord bless us,
And bless us kindly.

Blessing

Leader: Lord, set your blessing on us
As we begin this day together.
Confirm in us the truth
By which we rightly live;
Confront us with the truth
From which we wrongly turn.

We ask not for what we want
But for what you know we need,
As we offer this day and ourselves
For you and to you
Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour

ALL: AMEN.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.