

Friday Morning Prayer for the Season After Pentecost (Later Summer)

Recognition of a Commemoration, Memorial or Feast

Bell x 3

Gratitude

Night has passed and the day lies open before us.

Let us pray with one heart and mind as we rejoice in the gift of this day.

Prayers of gratitude may be offered. An extemporaneous or this or another written closing may be offered.

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all you have done for us.

We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care
which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience,
by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Penitence

Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you. Psalm 143.8

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbours.

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[saying together] **God of all mercy,**
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in
ourselves and in the world you have
created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore and strengthen us
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
so that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

An absolution or assurance of grace.

Opening Words *(said or chanted)*

Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, creator God,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters
bringing light and life to your creation,
pour out your Spirit on us today
so that we may walk as children of light
and by your grace reveal your presence.
Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

A Hymn, poem or song *may be offered.*

The Psalm of the Day

chanted or said. Ending with: ... Glory to You, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be World without end. Amen.

Canticle *if desired*

A Song of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36.24-26, 28b)

I will take you from the nations, *
and gather you from all the countries.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you, *
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.
A new heart I will give you, *
and put a new spirit within you.
And I will remove from your body the heart of stone *
and give you a heart of flesh.
You shall be my people, *
and I will be your God. (Glory to You, *as above*).

And/or Gathering Prayer

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you
bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus,
you place the Gospel in the centre of this Sacred
Circle through which all of creation is related. You
show us the way to live a generous and
compassionate life. Give us your strength to live
together with respect and commitment as we grow in
your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever.

Amen. *(Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples)*

The Acclamation *sung before and after*



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Reading

A reading from the gospel according to...

... The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

A Period of Silence for silent meditation on the Scriptures beginning and ending with bell.

Response/Sharing: What does the Holy Spirit call us to be or to do through these ancient words?

Affirmation of Faith *One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said,*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.³

Or A New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, +in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Intercessions

Our prayers are offered silently or aloud

The Collect

The Collect of the day or other Collects may be offered (written or extemporaneous).

The Lord's Prayer

...Being made one by the power of the Spirit
and gathering our prayers and praises into one
in a language or paraphrase or translation of your choice,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Said or chanted:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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