

MORNING LITURGY C (Revised August 2021)

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Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

Leader: For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

Leader: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

Leader: Your love and mercy shall last for ever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

Leader: Creator God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and terror; you gave birth to all that we know.
Hallowed be your name.

Early one morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us. Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you came back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you. Hallowed be your name.

Gathered now in the multi-coloured company of your Church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us, so to you we pray:

All: Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we

have wounded, and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are the prisoners of ourselves. (Silence)

Leader: To all and to each, where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

Word of God

Reader: Let us listen for the Word of the Lord.

(a portion of Scripture is read)

Reader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

[Silence for Reflection]

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us prepare ourselves for the day before us, and claim its potential sent by God. Let us join in prayer as we bring to God our concerns for today.

*(Issues or concerns may be said aloud, ending with ‘Lord in your mercy’, **Hear our prayer**).*

Leader: Lord, give us wisdom before we speak, understanding while we listen, sensitivity towards those we meet, and the perspective of your kingdom in which to see the things of the earth. Bring us to the day’s ending blessed through having shared the day’s beginning. In Christ’s name we ask this.

All: Amen.

Closing responses:

Leader: May God bless us, may God keep us in the Spirit’s care, and lead our lives with love.

All: May Christ’s warm welcome shine from our hearts, and Christ’s own peace prevail through this and every day, till greater life shall call. Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.