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A Morning Service of the Word



This service may be led by an appropriate lay minister, and the week's Homily may be read and discussed.

Other liturgical materials may be used as appropriate, particularly during the different seasons of the church year.

Hymns and songs may be used where indicated, or at other points in the service. Music may alternatively be used for meditation and reflection.

The Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Other words of welcome may be used.

An opening hymn or song.

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 for ever.
Amen.

The Word of God

The Psalm(s) set for the day may be used, or a Psalm-based song or hymn may be sung.

The Psalm(s) may end with

**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 or more Bible readings may be used.

The Homily for the day may be read, and discussion, reflection and prayer may follow.

Alternatively prayers arising from the reflections may be used as part of the Intercessions later.

A Creed or Affirmation of Faith may be used, for example:

We say together in faith
**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

This Responsory may be said:

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.
And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears
you will appear with him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

The Gospel Canticle: The Benedictus.

**Refrain: You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of your servant David.**

- 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.
- 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.

**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.**

Refrain: **You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of your servant David.**

A hymn or song may be used

The Prayers

Prayers for the world, the Church and those in need may be offered.

Prayers arising out of the reflection on Scripture may be used. Prayers may be led from the front or shared by the people, and may be accompanied by liturgical action, such as the lighting of candles.

These responses may be used:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

or:

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The prayers end with our diocesan prayer:

**Almighty God,
source of our hope and of all good things;
you call us in love to share in the work of creation
in making all things new.
Bless our diocese:
may we be faithful in worship,
confident in our discipleship,
and joyful in our service,**

**that through us, the world may catch a glimpse
of the love you have for each one of us,
made known in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

and the Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

A final song or hymn may be used.

The Sending Out

Eternal God,
our beginning and our end,
accompany us in this day's journey.
Dawn on our darkness,
open our eyes to praise you for your creation
and to see the work you set before us today.
Take us and use us
to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord God almighty is our Father:
he loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:
he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:
he will lead us in God's holy way.

**To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and for ever.
Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The readings and Homily for each Sunday may be found on the diocesan website at

<https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/the-homilies-project>

Other liturgical resources may be found on the *Common Worship* website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship>

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