

## LORDS PRAYER

As our Saviour has 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 hymn may be sung*

## CONCLUSION

Let us bless the Lord:

**thanks be to God.**

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

May the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

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**DIOCESE OF LINCOLN**  
faithful • confident • joyful

## A Service of the Word

for use in ordinary time

*Please join in with the words in bold.*

◆ *Invites a pause between lines.*

## PREPARATION

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

**Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.  
Lift up our hearts  
to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A hymn may be sung*

Jesus says,  
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*A short period of silence for reflection*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Gospel printed on the Homilies Project sheet and at least  
one of the other readings referenced there is read. At the  
end of each reading the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Jubilate – a Song of Joy is said*

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

2 **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.**

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise; ♦  
give thanks to him and bless his name.

4 **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.**

**HOMILY** (*see the Homilies Project sheet*)

We affirm our faith  
Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

**PRAYERS**

*The intercessions below may be used with or without  
appropriate insertions*

Let us pray.

For the peace that comes from God alone,  
for the unity of all peoples,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of Christ, for Stephen our Bishop, [for ...]  
and for the whole people of God,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the nations of the world, [for ...]  
for Charles our King and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city (or town or village or community), [for ...]  
for our neighbours and our friends,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us,  
and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm,  
for the widowed and orphans,  
for the sick and suffering,  
[for ...] and for all in any need,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed,  
for the unemployed and the destitute,  
for prisoners and captives,  
and for all who remember and care for them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

[For ... let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.]

For the dying, for those who mourn [the death of ... ],  
for the faithful whom we entrust to the Lord in hope,  
as we look forward to the day when we share  
the fullness of the resurrection,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the communion of [... and of all] the saints,  
let us commend ourselves, and one another,  
and all our life, to God. **Amen.**

**COLLECT**

*(see the Homilies Project sheet)*