

An Order for Morning Prayer on Sunday before Lent- Transfiguration of Christ Jesus.

Preparation

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

All and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Greetings and introduction

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Prayers of Penitence.

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *you* from *your* sins,
and restore *you* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

All **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All **and in our song will we praise our God.**

Hymn

The Word of God

Psalm 50 1-6.

The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.

He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”
The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.

**All: 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.**

Scripture Reading

At the of each reading, the reader may say, This is the word of the
Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

First reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

Silence

Second reading

Mark 9:2-9

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

All And Christ shall give you light.

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

All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

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

All And Christ shall give you light.

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

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

Talk

The Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 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.

Prayers of intercession

Let us pray to the God of glory, revealed to us in his Son, Jesus. Father, lengthen and deepen our attention span as we, your people. Listen to your beloved Son, so that we do not fail to hear his will for us or share his longing for the world to be saved.

Silence

Let us worship the Lord:

All: in the beauty of holiness

Father with such humility you entered the world to save it through love's giving: increase our desire to enter into one another's suffering and hardship, to share the world's resources fairly with one another, and recognise all humanity as brothers and sisters.

Silence

Let us worship the Lord

All: in the beauty of holiness.

Father help us not to take one another for granted but wake up each morning ready to notice Christ in each person we see and speak to and reverence your hidden presence in all creation.

Silence

Let us worship the Lord,

All: in the beauty of holiness.

Father, in our prayer we stand alongside all who are too weak to pray, or too confused; may all who are suffering sense your love and comfort. And be given strength to persevere, and peace of mind and spirit.

Silence

Let us worship the Lord,

All: in beauty and holiness.

Father, we commend to your eternal presence those who have recently died, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory.

Silence

Let us worship the Lord

All: in the beauty of holiness.

Holy God, thank you for providing always the encouragement and inspiration we need for the work you would have us do; give us the grace to thrust your will for us and walk forward boldly in your company.

All: merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.
Hymn**

Conclusion

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.