

Axe Valley Mission Community

A Liturgy for Morning Prayer

Opening Prayer

Father God, creator of heaven and earth,
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of Israel,
God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
True and Living God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Have mercy and hear our prayer.

The Invitatory

○ Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit : as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

Assurance (Psalm 103v1-5)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live.**

O that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Psalm of the day is read

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit : as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Scripture of the day is read.

Covenant Prayer Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of

God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me.

Petition and Intercession

Jesus said, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened” (Matthew 7:7-8).

We bring to God our petitions and intercessions – in silent prayer and those we are moved to speak out loud.

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,
you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day:
Defend us by your mighty power,
that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger;
and that guided by your Spirit,
we may do what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Prayer

Prayer of St. Francis

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to
be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.**

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be
with us all now and forever. **Amen**