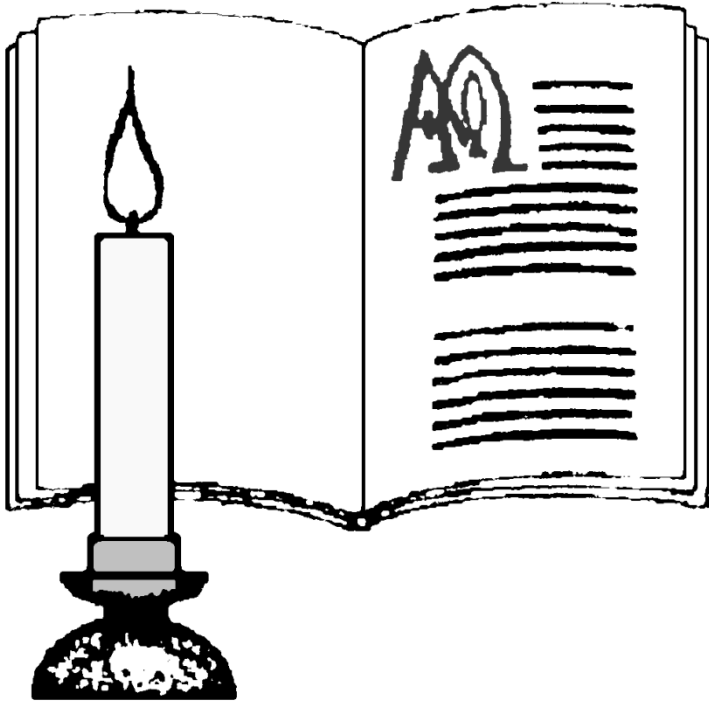


St Laurence Church Downton

An Order for
Morning Prayer



Common Worship

*We all say the words in **bold** type. The words in plain type are said by the minister.*

Preparation

The minister greets the people

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

The minister introduces the service

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.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

Prayers of Penitence

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

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant *you* pardon and forgiveness of all *your* sins,
time for amendment of life, and
the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help
and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

Let us worship the Lord.
All praise to his name.

We sing the Venite:

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God :
and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth :
and the strength of the hills is his also.**

**The sea is his, and he made it :
and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship, and fall down :
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is the Lord our God :
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts :
as in the provocation,
and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;**

**When your fathers tempted me :
proved me, and saw my works.**

**Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said :
It is a people that do err in their hearts,
for they have not known my ways.**

**Unto whom I swear in my wrath :
that they should not enter into my rest.**

Psalm 95

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

The Word of God

Scripture Readings

Old Testament reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We say the Benedictus:

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, :
who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, :
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old :
**to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,**

To show mercy to our ancestors, :
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham :
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, :
holy and righteous in his sight, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet
of the Most High, :
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation :
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God :
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

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.**

The Address

The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

The Responses

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.**

Prayers

Prayers are offered for the world, the Church and those in need

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Collect is said.

The Lord's Prayer is said:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.

The Blessing