



A Morning Offering

A Liturgy For First Rising

When you first wake up, let your first thought and action be to say good morning to God and offer your day and your self to him.

You may wish to make the sign of the cross or trace a small cross on your lips with your thumb as you pray "Open my lips, O Lord..."

Each day begins with the Invocation and the Opening Sentences and then concludes with the daily offering. You may add your own prayers at any time.

Invocation

Open ✠ my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Opening Sentence

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

Sunday Offering

Heavenly Father, you have made me for yourself,
and with my whole heart I give myself to you.
Give me grace to behold you, present in your Word and Sacraments,
and to recognize you in the lives of others.
Stir up in my own heart the flame of that love
which burned in the heart of your Son as he bore his passion,
and let it burn in me to eternal life and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Monday Offering

Grant, O Lord, that none may love you less this week because of me;
that never word or act of mine may turn one soul from thee;
and, ever daring, yet one more grace would I implore,
that many souls this week, because of me, may love thee more. Amen.

Tuesday Offering

Father, you have brought me to the beginning of a new day.
Your hand is upon me to care for me and protect me.
I offer you my life and my heart. May I always do your will
and love my neighbor as myself. Amen.

Wednesday Offering

Almighty Father, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind,
so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours,
utterly dedicated to you; and then use me, I pray, as you will,
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;
through your Son my Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thursday Offering

Almighty God, to you my heart is open, to you all my desires are known,
and from you none of my secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of my heart
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ my Lord.
Amen.

Friday Offering

Father in heaven, you have brought me in safety to this new day:
Preserve me with your mighty power,
that I may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity;
and in all I do, direct me to the fulfilling of your purpose. Amen.

Saturday Offering

Father, I offer to you this day all my thoughts, words and actions,
all my sufferings and disappointments, and all my joys.
And I unite my life with that of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Morning Prayer

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Opening Sentence

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Happy are the people who make peace, for they will be called God's children. *Matthew 5:9*

Easter Acclamation

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Christ Our Passover *Pascha Nostrum*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

based on 1 Cor. 5:7-8; Rom. 6:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22

The Lessons

The service continues with the readings from the daily office (published in the weekly bulletin inserts and at www.ApostlesByTheSea.com/DailyOffice). If you miss a day, you have not fallen behind! Simply resume with the readings assigned for the day.

Personal Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers and thanksgivings may be offered for your self, the coming day, your Church, your clergy, and others.

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,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Collect of the Day is found in the service leaflet from the previous Sunday.

Confession of Praise

I praise you, Father, for yesterday I was crucified with Christ;
and today I am glorified with him.
Yesterday I was dead with Christ;
today I am sharing in his resurrection.
Yesterday I was buried with Christ;
today I am waking with him
from the sleep of death unto everlasting life.

Gregory of Nazianzus

Closing Sentence

Glory to God ✠ whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

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Evening Prayer

The service begins with the opening sentence. You may wish to begin by quieting your mind and remaining in silence for a moment. You may then make the sign of the cross as you begin.

Opening Sentence

The Lord Almighty ✠ grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

As my evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon me
to cleanse my heart and set me free
to sing your praise now and forever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Our help is in the Name of the Lord; the maker of heaven and earth.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

I have sinned against you, through my own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed, and in what I have left undone.

O Lord, I confess these particular sins to you _____.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive me all my offenses;
and grant that I may serve you in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

All these sins I have truly repented of, God has eternally forgiven.
They will never be held against me.
Thank you, O Lord, for this glorious gift!

Canticle *A Song of Faith*

- 1 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- 2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you.
- 4 You are being protected by the power of God through faith,
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- 5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors
not with perishable things like silver or gold
- 6 But with the precious blood of Christ
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.
- 7 Through him you have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,
so that your faith and hope are set on God. *1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21*

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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.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

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A Collect for Resurrection Hope

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Sentence

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us. Amen.

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