

Headcorn & the Suttons



Services for use
when at home or alone.
Version 2



“Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. “

Great is thy faithfulness

William M. Runyan (1870–1957)

Morning Prayer on Sunday

Common Worship

Preparation

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

- 1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 2 Bless the Lord you heavens: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 4 Bless the Lord all people on earth: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 5 O people of God bless the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: ♦
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

The Song of the Three 35-37, 60-65

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

This opening prayer may be said

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.

The Word of God

The appointed psalm is said ending with:

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 First Bible Reading

Canticle

Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.

- 1 Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, ♦
for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
- 2 Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; ♦
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.
- 3 Riches and honour come from you ♦
and you rule over all.
- 4 In your hand are power and might; ♦
yours it is to give power and strength to all.
- 5 And now we give you thanks, our God, ♦
and praise your glorious name.
- 6 For all things come from you, ♦
and of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29.10b-13,14b

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.

Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.

The Second Bible Reading

You may like to spend some time reflecting on today's readings

- *What strikes you most about them?*
- *Was there anything that surprised you or made you think?*
- *Is there anything that might impact on the way you live your life today or in the future?*

Responsory

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.***

from Colossians 3

The Benedictus

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of your servant David.

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of your servant David.

Prayers

† *for the day and its tasks*

† *for the world and its needs*

† *for the Church and her life*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Collect of the day or the following is said

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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.

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



“No more we doubt thee,
Glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife”

“Thine be the glory”

Richard Birch Hoyle (1875—1939)

Prayer during the day—Easter Season
Common Worship

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

Psalm 139.7

Praise

Yesterday I was crucified with Christ;
today I am glorified with him.

Yesterday I was dead with Christ;
today I am sharing in his resurrection.

Yesterday I was buried with him;
today I am waking with him from the sleep of death.

Gregory of Nazianzus (389)

Psalm

Sunday Psalm 114

Monday Psalm 30

Tuesday Psalm 66.1-11

Wednesday Psalm 106.1-12

Thursday Psalm 111

Friday Psalm 145.1-8

Saturday Psalm 146

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

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.

Short Bible readings

Sunday

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1.3-5

Monday

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

Zephaniah 3.14-18

Tuesday

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and, as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

1 Corinthians 15.42-44a,47-49

Wednesday

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Colossians 3.1-4

Thursday

As the two disciples came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

Luke 24.28-32

Friday

Job said, 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

Job 19.23-27a

Saturday

I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long

robe and with a golden sash across his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.'

Revelation 1.12,13,17,18

Response

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5.9

Prayers—which may include these concerns:

- ¶ The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord
- ¶ God's creation, that we may meet our responsibility to care
- ¶ Those in despair, that they may find the hope and light of Christ
- ¶ Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection
- ¶ Prisoners and captives

The following prayer is said

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to you,
and all ages;
to you be glory and power
through every age and for ever.
All Amen

from the Easter Vigil

The Lord's Prayer..

The Conclusion

May the risen Christ give us his peace. Alleluia. Amen.

Prayer During the Day—from Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Psalm 86.4

Praise

Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, in your holy and glorious temple,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who look into the depths,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, enthroned on the cherubim,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

The Song of the Three 29-34

Psalm

Sunday Psalm 104.26-32

Monday Psalm 21.1-7

Tuesday Psalm 29

Wednesday Psalm 46

Thursday Psalm 84

Friday Psalm 93

Saturday Psalm 98

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

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.

Short readings

Ascension Day or on any day after Ascension

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9.24

Friday after Ascension

As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to human beings, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 2.8b-10

Saturday after Ascension

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38,39

Sunday after Ascension

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive.

John 7.37-39a

Monday

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.28-end

Tuesday

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

I Corinthians 12.4-7

Wednesday

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

Joel 2.28,29

Thursday

Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Luke 11.9-13

Friday

In Christ every one of God's promises is a 'Yes'. For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment.

2 Corinthians 1.20-22

Saturday

The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3.17,18

The Day of Pentecost

Jesus said, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

John 20.21,22

Response

Silence,

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5.4

Prayers which may include these concerns:

- † God's royal priesthood, that it may be empowered by the Spirit
- † Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal
- † All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom of the ascended Christ
- † The earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests
- † All who are struggling with broken relationships

The following prayer is said

O King enthroned on high,
Comforter and Spirit of truth,
you that are in all places and fill all things,
the treasury of blessings and the giver of life,
come and dwell with us,
cleanse us from every stain
and save our souls, O gracious one.
Amen.

an Orthodox prayer

The Lord's Prayer is said .

The Conclusion

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts and minds.
Alleluia. Amen.



“We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good:
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.”

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land
John Montgomery Campbell (1817—1878)

Evening Prayer—Celtic

Iona Community

Opening responses

This is the time
when light fades
and shadows lengthen
and sounds are subdued—
all as God intended

Amen

This is the time
when bodies relax,
minds unwind,
and tiredness comes -
all as God intended.

Amen

This is the time
when others greet the morning
while we meet the night,
and the world continues to sing,
in all the accents of creation,
a love-song to it's maker.

Blessed be God's name.

Prayer

Come, brother Jesus, be our guest,
Stay with us for day is ending.

Bring to this place your poverty,
For then we shall be rich.

Bring to this place your pain,
that in sharing it, we may also share your joy.
Bring to this place your understanding of us,
that we may be freed to learn more of you.
Bring to this place your Holy Spirit,
that we and all things might be made new.

With friend, with stranger,
with the unknown and well known ones
be among us tonight.
**for the doors of this house are open,
and the doors of our hearts we leave ajar.**

Scripture

In the world many things happen at night:
people travel, people meet,
people have secret conversations,
people lie awake restless,
people sleep through exhaustion.

And this has always been so;
holy books bear witness to it.
So let us hear a night story from the Bible.

The Bible reading may be followed by discussion or a time of silence

Night Prayer

What if darkness covers us
and the day around us turns to night?
Darkness is not too dark for God
to whom dark and light are one.

Let us pray.

You never sleep God.
You are always awake, always watching,
always willing the world and it's people
to turn in the right direction.

So tonight, will you comfort those who cannot sleep
because of illness,
or worry,
or fear,
or for reasons they cannot understand.

Pause

God be near them
God be near them

And tonight will you be close to those who wait
patiently or impatiently
for a birth
or a death,
for a visit,
or for the pieces of their life's jigsaw to fit together.

Pause

God be near them
God be near them.

And tonight will you be close to those who wonder,
who look for inspiration,
who long to be with the one or the ones they love,
who hope to recognise the right time
when they can say "I'm sorry",
or "I love you"
or even "enough is enough."

Pause

God be near them
God be near them.

And God, listen to us
as we share with you
whatever joys or sorrows,
discoveries or questions
we will take with us into the night.

Pause

God be near us
God be near us.

Into your hands we commit ourselves -
our souls, our bodies, our minds, our futures, -
for all things come from you
and are best kept in your care.
Amen.

Closing responses

For the day now done
thanks be to God.

For the rest before us
thanks be to God.

But before the day is done,
let God's holy name be praised;
and let God's people say Amen
Amen.



“He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who has made all things well”

“All things bright and beautiful”
Cecil Francis Alexander (1818—1895)

SOME ADDITIONAL PRAYERS FOR USE THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Morning:

We give you hearty thanks for the rest of the past night
and for the gift of a new day,
with its opportunities for pleasing you.
Grant that we may so pass its hours in
the perfect freedom of your service,
that at eventide we may again give thanks unto you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning—from the Northumbria Community

Christ, as a light
illumine and guide me.
Christ, as a shield
overshadow me.
Christ under me;
Christ over me;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light;
Christ as a shield;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.

Morning – Antiochian Orthodox Church of North America

O Lord, grant me to greet the coming day in peace. Help me in all things to rely upon Your holy will. In every hour of the day reveal Your will to me. Bless my dealings with all who surround me. Teach me to treat all that comes to me throughout the day with peace of soul and with firm conviction that Your will governs all. In all my deeds and words guide my thoughts and feelings. In unforeseen events let me not forget that all are sent by You. Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others. Give me strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring. Direct my will, teach me to pray. Pray You Yourself in me.

Based on the Rule of Taizé:

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. -

BCP Prayers before bed:

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy; may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Common Worship before bed

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who wake,
or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, give rest to the weary,
sustain the dying, calm the suffering,
and pity the distressed; all for your love's sake,
O Christ our Redeemer. Amen

After St. Augustine of Hippo

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,
creator of the changes of day and night,
giving rest to the weary,
renewing the strength of those who are spent,
bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening.
As you have protected us in the day that is past,
so be with us in the coming night;
keep us from every sin,
every evil,
and every fear;
for you are our light and salvation,
and the strength of our life.
To you be glory for endless ages. Amen. -

A prayer for our Nation—Diocese of Derby

God of hope,
in these times of change,
unite our nation
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.
Give us courage to overcome our fears,
and help us to build a future
in which all may prosper and share;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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