

The Church of England in
Lutterworth, Cotesbach and Bitteswell

Morning Prayer

The Gathering

Leader Grace to you and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

from Philippians 1:2

The Leader offers some words of welcome.

Leader O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader O God, make speed to save us;

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit;

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.

Leader Praise the Lord.

All The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 100: Jubilate

Leader O be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; ♦ serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

All **Be assured that the LORD, he is God; ♦ it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; ♦ be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

All **For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, ♦ and his truth endures from generation to generation.**

Confession

Leader Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most

worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

All **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Leader Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**



The Word of God

Canticle

from Isaiah 26

- Leader* Trust in the Lord for ever, ♦ for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.
- All* **We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks. ♦ Open the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps faith may enter in.**
- Leader* You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, ♦ because he trusts in you.
- All* **Trust in the Lord for ever, ♦ for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.**
- Leader* The way of the righteous is level; ♦ you who are upright make smooth the path of the righteous.
- All* **In the path of your judgements, O Lord, we wait for you; ♦ your name and renown is the desire of our soul.**
- Leader* My soul yearns for you in the night, ♦ my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.
- All* **For when your judgements are in the earth, ♦ the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.**

Leader O Lord, you will ordain peace for us, ♦ for indeed all that we have done you have done for us.

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.**

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Bible Readings

The lectionary for the day is read.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The preacher expounds the Bible text, exploring what it might mean for us today and challenging us to believe.

Response

from Psalm 73

Leader Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

All **Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

Leader For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.
All **And afterwards receive me with glory.**

Leader Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All **And Christ shall give you light.**

Leader Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

¶ Prayers

Intercessions

Intercessions are offered

¶ for the day and its tasks

¶ for the world and its needs

¶ for the Church and her life

The Lord's Prayer

Leader Let us pray with confidence as our saviour has
taught us,

All **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.

Leader O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

All **And grant us your salvation.**

Leader O Lord, guide those who govern us;

All **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Leader Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

All **And let your people sing with joy.**

Leader O Lord, save your people;

All **And bless your inheritance.**

Leader Give peace in our time, O Lord;

All **And defend us by your mighty power.**

Leader Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

All **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Leader Create in us clean hearts, O God;

All **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

The Dismissal

Conclusion

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

All **Amen.**

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Leader May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace
in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen**

from Romans 15:13