



ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS

A Church of Blessing Encouragement & Praise

Order of Morning Prayer



This order of service has been prepared for use during the suspension of public worship enforced in response to the current public health emergency. We encourage you to use this as a basis for your own personal prayer and observance. Information about this week's lessons, psalms and collects can be found on our website: www.stgilesonline.org or by [signing up to our mailing list](#).

Services at Saint Giles-in-the-Fields are drawn from the Book of Common Prayer. The present version dates from 1662, and draws heavily on the first English Prayer Books of 1549 and 1552, under King Edward VI. In common with most churches, the order includes variations which date from the first books, the proposed reforms of 1928, and other times in the Church of England's history since 1662. The order is consistent with the Church of England's Common Worship 2000.



Morning Prayer

The office of morning prayer, sometimes called Matins, is set out in the Book of Common Prayer. This order of service has been created to allow you to follow the service at home alongside the changing psalms, lessons and prayers set out in the prayer book. Instructions are printed in italics and we encourage you to supplement the prayers with your own personal prayers.

❖ An opening prayer ❖

O LORD, open thou my lips to bless thy holy name: cleanse also my heart from all vain, froward and wandering thoughts: enlighten my understanding, enkindle my affections, that I may be able worthily, attentively, and devoutly to offer this Service, and may be counted worthy to be heard in the presence of thy divine Majesty. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖ Hymn ❖

The appointed hymns are printed in this week's service sheet

❖ Introduction ❖

DEARLY beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

❖ Collect for the 21 Sunday after Trinity ❖

When prayer is not led by an ordained minister, this prayer is used in place of the confession and absolution.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



❖Versicles and Responses❖

- Priest O Lord, open thou our lips.
Answer And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
Priest O God, make speed to save us.
Answer O Lord, make haste to help us.
Priest Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.
Priest Praise ye the Lord.
Answer The Lord's Name be praised.



❖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. To day 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.

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



❖The Psalm❖

The psalm is read from the psalm appointed from the Book of Common Prayer.

❖The First Lesson❖

The first lesson of scripture is read as appointed from the Book of Common Prayer.

❖Te Deum❖

The Te Deum is a Latin Christian hymn written in 387 A.D. Attributed to St Ambrose, it is sometimes called the Ambrosian Hymn.

WE praise thee O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein. To thee Cherubin, and Seraphin: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full: of the Majesty of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee. The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee; The Father: of an infinite Majesty; Thine honourable, true: and only Son; Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the Glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage. Govern them: and lift them up forever.

Day by day: we magnify thee; And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

❖The Second Lesson❖

The second lesson of scripture is read as appointed from the Book of Common Prayer.

❖Benedictus❖

The Benedictus, or Song of Zechariah, is drawn from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 1, verse 68, which recalls the birth and naming of John the Baptist and the restoration of the speech of his father Zechariah.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began; That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant; To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us; That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies: might serve him without fear; In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.

And thou Child shall be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins; Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us; To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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



❖The Apostles' Creed❖

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven. And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

❖Hymn❖

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Prayers and Intercessions

Priest The Lord be with you.

Answer And with thy spirit.

Priest Let us pray.

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.



❖The Lord's Prayer❖

OUR Father which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer And grant us thy salvation.

Priest O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest O Lord, save thy people.

Answer And bless thine inheritance.

Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us

Answer And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

❖ **The First Collect for the Day** ❖

The first collect is read as appointed for the week from the Book of Common Prayer

❖ **The Second Collect, for Peace** ❖

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖ **The Third Collect, for Grace** ❖

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖ **A Prayer for the Queen's Majesty** ❖

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plentifully with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖ **A Prayer for the Clergy and People** ❖

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

❖ **A Prayer for all Conditions of men** ❖

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholick Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; [*especially those for whom our prayers are desired at this time;] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

❖ **A prayer in time of sickness** ❖

O MOST mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succour. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

❖ **A General Thanksgiving** ❖

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

❖ **The Grace** ❖

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.



❖ **Hymn** ❖

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Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer throughout the Year.