

# Morning Prayer

A ministry of the faithful at  
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+ **OPENING CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

O God, open our lips,  
***and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.***

From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
***we praise your name, O God.***

+ **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

By Word and water God renews us this day  
in the living fountain of God's grace,  
and raises us with Christ Jesus  
to live a new life in the Spirit. \* OSL

***Satisfy us in the morning  
with your steadfast love, O God,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.***

+ **MORNING CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING**

It is good to give thanks to the *LORD*,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most *High*;  
***to declare your steadfast love in the morning,***  
and your faithful-ness by *night*,  
to the music of the lute and the *harp*,  
***to the melody of the lyre.***

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your *work*;  
at the works of your hands I sing for *joy*.

***How great are your works, O LORD!***

Your thoughts are ver-y *deep!* Psalm 92:1-5

+ **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One be with you;  
***And also with you.***

Let us pray:

We give you hearty thanks for the rest of the past night and  
for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of 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. ***Amen.***

[UM Book of Worship]

+ **Psalm 9:1-14** CEV

***Everyone who honors your name can trust you,  
because you are faithful to all who depend on you.***

I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart  
and tell about the wonders you have worked.

<sup>2</sup> God Most High, I will rejoice;  
I will celebrate and sing because of you.

<sup>3</sup> When my enemies face you, they run away and stumble  
and are destroyed.

<sup>4</sup> You take your seat as judge,  
and your fair decisions prove that I was in the right.

<sup>5</sup> You warn the nations and destroy e-vil people;  
you wipe out their names forever and ever.

<sup>6</sup> Our enemies are destroyed completely for all time.  
Their cities are torn down,  
and they will never be remem-bered again.

<sup>7</sup> You rule forever, LORD, and you are on your throne,  
ready for judgment.

<sup>8</sup> You judge the world fairly  
and treat all nations with justice.

<sup>9</sup> The poor can run to you  
because you are a fortress in times of trouble.

<sup>10</sup> Everyone who honors your name can trust you,  
because you are faithful to all who depend on you.

<sup>11</sup> You rule from Zion, LORD, and we sing about you  
to let the nations know everything you have done.

<sup>12</sup> You did not forget to punish the guilty  
or listen to the cries of those in need.

<sup>13</sup> Please have mercy, LORD! My enemies mistreat me.  
Keep me from the gates that lead to death,  
<sup>14</sup> and I will sing about you at the gate to Zion.  
I will be happy there because you res-cued me.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,  
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***Everyone who honors your name can trust you,  
because you are faithful to all who depend on you.***

Silence

+ **WORD:** Romans 2:1-11 CEV

Some of you accuse others of doing wrong. But there is no excuse for what you do. When you judge others, you condemn yourselves, because you are guilty of doing the very same things. <sup>2</sup>We know that God is right to judge everyone who behaves in this way. <sup>3</sup>Do you really think God won't punish you, when you behave exactly like the people you accuse? <sup>4</sup>You surely don't think much of God's wonderful goodness or of his patience and willingness to put up with you. Don't you know that the reason God is good to you is because he wants you to turn to him?

<sup>5</sup> But you are stubborn and refuse to turn to God. So you are making things even worse for yourselves on that day when he will show how angry he is and will judge the world with fairness. <sup>6</sup> God will reward each of us for what we have done. <sup>7</sup> He will give eternal life to everyone who has patiently done what is good in the hope of receiving glory, honor, and life that lasts forever. <sup>8</sup> But he will show how angry and furious he can be with every selfish person who rejects the truth and wants to do evil. <sup>9</sup> All who are wicked will be punished with trouble and suffering. It doesn't matter if they are Jews or Gentiles. <sup>10</sup> But all who do right will be rewarded with glory, honor, and peace, whether they are Jews or Gentiles. <sup>11</sup> God doesn't have any favorites!

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

We bless you, Adonai, God of *Israel*,  
for you come to visit us and ransom us from *bondage*.  
You have brought forth a strong *De-liverer*  
in the house of your child *David*.

**This is what your holy prophets an-nounced:  
deliverance from enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate *us*;  
mercy a-mong our *ancestors*,  
and remembrance of your ho-ly *covenant*.**

This is the promise you swore to

our an-cestor, *Abraham*,

to make us un-a-*fraid*,

to rescue us from our *enemies*,

to serve before you, holy and just,

all the days of our *lives*.

**And this, my little child,**

**shall be called prophet of the Most *High*,**

**going before you, Adonai, to pre-pare your *paths*,**

**making your people know de-*liverance***

**by the forgiveness of their *sins*.**

**Through your merciful compassions, God our *God*,**

**the dawn from on high shall *visit us*,**

**to shine on those kept in dungeons**

**and the shadows of *death***

**and to guide our feet onto the path of *peace*.**

LUKE 1:68-79

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,  
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

+ **COMMEMORATION: Margaret, Queen of Scotland**

Margaret was the grand-daughter of Edmund Ironside, King of the English, but was probably born in exile in Hungary, and brought to England in 1057. After the Norman Conquest in 1066, she sought refuge in Scotland, where about 1070 she married the King, Malcolm III. She and her husband rebuilt the monastery of Iona and founded the Benedictine Abbey at Dunfermline. Margaret undertook to impose on the Scottish the ecclesiastical customs she had been accustomed to in England, customs that were also prevalent in France and Italy. But Margaret was not concerned only with ceremonial considerations. She encouraged the founding of schools, hospitals, and orphanages. She argued in favor of the practice of receiving the Holy Communion frequently.

*By James Keifer*

Silent reflection

+ **COLLECT: Margaret, Queen of Scotland**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, as did Margaret, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the

love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*For more information: [Link #1](#) - [Link #2](#)*

+ **PRAYERS**

The Holy One be with you,  
***and also with you.***

Let us pray:

+ FOR HEALTH OF BODY AND SOUL

***For those we have lifted up today, may God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.***

+ FOR VICTIMS OF ADDICTION

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of

your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

***Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

+ FOR PEACE

Almighty God, kindle, we ask you, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.***

+ **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father,  
You have brought us in safety to this new day:  
preserve us with your mighty power,  
that we may not fall into sin,  
nor be overcome by adversity;  
and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ **BLESSING**

May the road rise to meet you,  
may the wind be always at your back,  
may the sun shine warm upon your face,  
may the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of his hand. ***Amen.***

(TRADITIONAL GAELIC PRAYER)