

St James Porchester



An Order for Morning Prayer

Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(or)

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help

All and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

The minister may say

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

St James prayer for the year may be used (on separate sheet)

Opening Song or Hymn

This prayer of thanksgiving may be said

Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise forever.

From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

Now, through the deep waters of death, you have brought
your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph.

May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you
our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All Blessed be God for ever.

Or this opening prayer may be used

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 forever.

All Amen.

Confession and Absolution

The following or another authorized confession and absolution is used

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and
restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse (*us/you*) from (*our/your*)
sins, and restore (*us/you*) in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Blessed is the Lord,

**All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
All and in our song will we praise our God.**

Song or Hymn as Children go to activities or Church do an activity together

The Word of God

The appointed psalm may be said or sung.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

**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 forever.
 Amen.**

Bible Reading(s)

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

The reader may say

 This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Sermon is preached or a talk is given.

This may be in a formal setting

or as a reflection/meditation, drama/visual presentation or in another form

Song or Hymn

The Creed

When Morning Prayer is the principal service, the Apostles' Creed or an authorized Affirmation of Faith is said. It may be omitted on other occasions.

**All I believe in God,
 the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come 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.

(or **Affirmation of Faith**)

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
 source of all being and life,
 the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
 who took our human nature,
 died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
 who gives life to the people of God
 and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercessions

The Collect of the day is said.

The Lord's Prayer is introduced

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
 as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

All 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

(or in the traditional form)

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
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.

Notices (including children's activities)

Final Song or Hymn

The Conclusion

The service ends with one of the following, or another blessing or ending.

The Blessing

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

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

(or)

The Grace

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.**

Amen.

(or)

The Peace

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

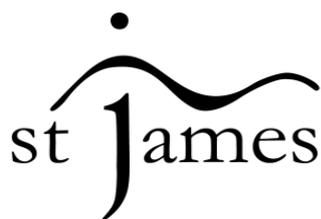
All Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

These words may be added

Let us offer one another a sign of peace,
God's seal on our prayers.



Notices for your Information

1. Large print service sheets and hymn books are available – please ask for one from the Sides persons at the door.
2. Toilets and baby changing facilities are available in the Vestry at the back of church, and also in the Church Centre, across the car park.
3. Refreshments are served after the morning service in the Church Centre. Do please come along and join us, if you can, so that we can continue our time of fellowship together in a more relaxed setting.
4. Thank you for joining us for this service today. If you are a visitor and would like further details of services and other events and activities which take place during the week, please feel free to fill in a Welcome Card so that we can do our best to make you feel welcome.

