



Grace Anglican CHURCH

Morning Prayer
Sunday Service Version
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10:00 AM

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Celebrant and People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Confession of Sin

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not that they are concealed from our heavenly Father, but by confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by His infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times to humbly 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.

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.

Absolution

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: ***And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.***

Celebrant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: ***O Lord, make haste to help us.***

Celebrant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

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

Celebrant: Praise the Lord.

People: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Celebrant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: **O come, let us adore Him.**

Lessons, Psalm, and Gospel

Old Testament – Micah 6:1-8.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. | People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm - 37:1-11 (*Responsive Reading by Whole Verse)

- 1 Do not be angry because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong;
- 2 **for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.**
- 3 Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
- 4 **Take pleasures in the LORD, and He will give you the petitions of your heart.**
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this:
- 6 **He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your uprightness like the noonday sun.**
- 7 Be silent before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.
- 8 **Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.**
- 9 For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who await the LORD will inherit the land.
- 10 **A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.**
- 11 But the humble before God will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

New Testament – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. | People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

We Praise You, O God (Together)

We praise You, O God; we acclaim You as Lord; all creation worships You, the Father everlasting.

To You all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise You. The noble fellowship of prophets praise You.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise You. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims You:

Father, of majesty unbounded, Your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When You took our flesh to set us free You humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that You will come to be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

The Apostles' Creed (Together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

The Prayers

Celebrant: The Lord be with You.

People: **And also with You.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 away from temptation, and deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: O Lord, show Your mercy upon us.

People: **Grant Your salvation to those who do not yet know You and may it lead to the healing of our nation.**

Celebrant: O Lord, guide those who govern us, especially at this time of national and worldwide uncertainty; imbue our President, Governor, Congress, and all elected and appointed officials with Your wisdom.

People: **Lead them in the way of justice and truth.**

Celebrant: Clothe Your ordained and commissioned ministers with righteousness, a desire to seek only You as they minister, and guidance from Your Holy Spirit in their ministries;

People: ***And let Your people sing with joy, be open to hearing, learning, and applying Your word in their lives.***

Celebrant: O Lord, save Your people;

People: ***And bless Your inheritance.***

Celebrant: Almighty and Gracious God, grant that through Your indwelling and ever-present Holy Spirit there would come a true spiritual revival in New Bern, North Carolina.

People: ***May our prayers and spiritual commitment result in the moving of hearts and minds through the Holy Spirit.***

Celebrant: Give us peace in our time, O Lord; the peace that is beyond any human understanding but comes from only You through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: ***And defend us by Your mighty power, the power that rose Jesus from the dead.***

Celebrant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten, nor those who do not know You, are ill, infirmed, who mourn or grieve, and all who live in fear.

People: ***Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***

Please add your own prayers at this time.

Celebrant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: ***And encourage us to listen to Your indwelling Holy Spirit.***

Collect for Today

Give us grace, dear Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Blessing

Celebrant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. ***Amen.*** Ephesians 3:20-21