



Morning Prayer for Ordinary Time (Epiphany to Ash Wednesday)

Sing Praise to God CP 424

*Sing praise to God on mountain tops and in earth's lowest places,
from blue lagoon to polar waste, from ocean to oasis.*

No random rock produced this world, but God's own will and wonder.

Thus hills rejoice and valleys sing and clouds concur with thunder.

*Sing praise to God where grasses grow and flowers display their beauty,
where nature weaves her myriad web through love as much as duty.*

The seasons in their cycle speak of earth's complete provision.

Let nothing mock inherent good, nor treat it with derision.

*Sing praise to God where fishes swim and birds fly in formation,
where animals of every kind diversify creation.*

All life that finds its home on earth is meant to be respected.

Let nothing threaten, for base ends, what God through grace perfected.

*Sing praise to God where humankind its majesty embraces,
where different races, creeds, and tongues distinguish different faces.*

God's image in each child of earth shall never pale or perish.

so treat with love each human soul, and thus God's goodness cherish.

Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you;
show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that we may abide in
your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen
you by the Holy Spirit and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise and your glory all day long.

Christ has triumphed over death: O come let us worship.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; **let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving

and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

For you, O Lord, are a great God, **and a great sovereign above all gods.**

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, **and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

The sea is yours, for you made it, **and your hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Psalm 50:1-6

The musical score is written for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and the piano accompaniment with a bass clef. The score includes dynamic markings: *mf* (mezzo-forte) for the first part, *mp* (mezzo-piano) for the second part, and *slightly slower* for the final phrase. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: A, Bm⁷, Amaj⁷, A, Dsus², and A. The lyrics are: "Show us the way of sal - va - tion, O Ho - ly One."

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken
and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God reveals the divine glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence;
**before whom there is a consuming flame,
and round about whom a raging storm.**

God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgement of this people.

“Gather before me my loyal followers,
**those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.”**

Let the heavens declare the rightness of the divine cause;
for God, God alone, is judge. RR

2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.’ But Elisha said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?’ And he said, ‘Yes, I know; keep silent.’ Elijah said to him, ‘Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.’ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?’ And he answered, ‘Yes, I know; be silent.’ Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.’ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.’ Elisha said, ‘Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.’ He responded, ‘You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.’ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, ‘Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Listen for God’s Word. **Our hearts are open.**

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

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You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

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1 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding CP 166

***We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.***

***Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.***

Light breaks in upon our darkness; splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word.

Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.

***Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.***

***Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.***

***But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.***

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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Sermon

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever;
for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;
you are sovereign, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.
Riches and honour come from you **and you rule over all.**
In your hand are power and might; **yours it is to give power and strength to all.**
And now we give you thanks, our God, **and praise your glorious name.**
For all things come from you, **and of your own have we given you.**
Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.

God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace. **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**
Teach us to love others as you have loved us. **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**
Fill the world with your peace and justice. **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**
Strengthen and relieve those who are in need. **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**
Renew the Church through the power of your life-giving Spirit. **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the Church throughout the world;*
- *all who lead the church, ordained and lay;*

- *the leaders of the nations;*
- *the natural world and the resources of the earth;*
- *all who are in any kind of need.*

Source of light, yours is the morning and yours is the evening.

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine for ever in our hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness CP 397

*Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.*

*Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.*

*Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.*

Let us pray: **God of glory, by the grace of your Spirit, reveal your Son to us now in the message of the prophets and in the witness of the apostles, so that we may heed his voice and receive him in faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
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 for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. Amen.

Glorious in Majesty CP 618

***Glorious in majesty, holy in his praises,
Jesus, our Saviour and our King,
born a man, yet God of Old, let us all adore him.
Filled with his Spirit, let us sing.
Living is to love him, serving him to know his freedom.
Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus,
Come to Jesus now; go to live his word rejoicing.***

***Victory he won for us, freeing us from darkness,
dying and rising from the dead.
Living with the Father now, yet he is among us.
We are the body, he the head.
Living is to love him, serving him to know his freedom.
Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus,
Come to Jesus now; go to live his word rejoicing.***

***One in love, as family, living with each other,
gladly we share each other's pain.
Yet he will not leave us so, soon he is returning,
taking us back with him to reign.
Living is to love him, serving him to know his freedom.
Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus,
Come to Jesus now; go to live his word rejoicing.***

[Readings for next Sunday – February 21, 2021](#)

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[Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9;](#)

[1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15](#)