



# BAS MORNING PRAYER

*Fall 2021*

## **Book of Alternative Services Morning Prayer for Fall 2021**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour. **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord is our light and our life. **O come, let us worship.**

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 moulded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**  
For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.  
**Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

### *Readings*

*September 12* – Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38  
*September 19* – Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37  
*September 26* – Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50  
*October 3* – Job 1:1, 2:1-10, Psalm 26, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16  
*October 10* – Joel 2:21-27, Psalm 126, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Matthew 6:25-33  
*October 17* – Job 38:1-7, (34-41), Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45  
*October 24* – Genesis 28:10-17, Psalm 84, Revelation 21:1-4, 22—22:5, Matthew 21:12-16  
*October 31* – Ruth 1:1-18, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34  
*November 7* – Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 24, Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44  
*November 14* – Wisdom 3:1-9, Psalm 116:1-8, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 11:21-27  
*November 21* – 2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-13 (14-19), Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

### *Psalm*

Glory to God, Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit: **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

### *First Reading*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

You are God: **we praise you;**  
you are the Lord: **we acclaim you;**  
you are the eternal Father: **all creation worships you.**

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, 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 the apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of the prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: **Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of Glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free you did not shun 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, and 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.**

Glory to God, Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit: **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

*Second Reading*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; **he has come to his people and set them free.**

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, **born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, **from the hands of all who hate us.**

He promised to show mercy to our fathers **and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, **to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

free to worship him without fear, **holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, **for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

to give his people knowledge of salvation **by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God **the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, **and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Glory to God, Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit: **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to... **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Gospel Reading*

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sermon*

Let us confess our faith as we say, **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 power of 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.**

Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world, saying "God of Love: hear our prayer."

We pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your grace for John our bishop, Andrew our priest, Helen our deacon, and for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We seek your peace and justice in our world, our country, and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for [especially....], knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to you all who have died [especially....], that our trust in you may deepen as you keep them safe in your care.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us, rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We look for your purposes to be accomplished and ask you to fill us with the strength and vision to further your reign.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

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Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things.

**Amen.**

*Collect of the Day*

*September 12* – Wisdom of God, from the street corners and at the entrances to the city you proclaim the way of life and of death. Grant us wisdom to recognize your Messiah, so that following in the way of the cross, we may know the way of life and glory; in the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

*September 19* – O God, who draws near to us and whose nature is revealed in lordship laid aside: give us grace to welcome you in the child and in the outcast; in the name of Jesus Christ, who humbled himself so that we might know eternal life. **Amen.**

*September 26* – O God, pour out your Spirit over all the world and inspire every heart with knowledge and love of you. May we who confess Jesus as Lord set aside whatever obscures this faith, so that our witness to your love may shine clearly in all our days, for with him you live and reign in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*October 3* – God of the living law, whose will is to protect the weak and to educate our desires: may we learn from you to give each other dignity and to find in you our unity; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one household. **Amen.**

*October 10* – God of evolving diversity, made known in seed and soil, and in the wonder of animal worlds: free our hearts from anxiety and open them to learn from the life which surrounds us; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. **Amen.**

*October 17* – Suffering God, when in whose name we seek glory for ourselves, cast down all our idols and direct our hearts to him who bears our wounds and is our peace, Jesus Christ, the true God and servant of all. **Amen.**

*October 24* – Almighty God, watchful and caring, our source and our end, all that we are and all that we have are yours. Accept us now, as we give thanks to you for this place where we have come to praise your name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

*October 31* – God of love, who asks no other sacrifice than to love you, the source of life, and all creatures as ourselves: bind your law upon our hearts and our minds, so that we might find our strength in you; through Jesus Christ, our high priest. **Amen.**

*November 7* – Source of all being, beginning and end, we praise you for those who have served you faithfully. Replenish our hope in your eternal kingdom, so that we may have life in all its fullness, unbound by the fear of death; through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*November 14* – Creator of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*November 21* – You who are, who were, who are to come, before whose judgement all that is not love fades away: save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts, so that we may hear a different voice and belong to you in truth; through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all. **Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **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.**

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

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**