

## **Order for Morning Prayer from BCP – Mothering Sunday**

### ***Opening sentences from Scripture***

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

### ***Confession***

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy 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 there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. **Amen.**

### ***Absolution***

May the Father of all mercies  
Cleanse us from our sins  
And restore us in His image  
To the praise and glory of His name  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen.**

### ***Lord's Prayer***

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.**

### **Responses**

Priest. O Lord, open thou our lips.  
Answer. **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

Priest. O God, make speed to save us.  
Answer. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
Answer. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

Priest. Praise ye the Lord.  
Answer. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

### ***Venite, Exultemus Domino (Psalm 95)***

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God :  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth :  
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it :  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down :  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God :  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. **Amen.**

**First reading (Old Testament)**

Exodus 2, 1 - 10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup> The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. <sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ <sup>8</sup> Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses,<sup>[a]</sup> ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

**Psalm of the day (Psalm 34)**

<sup>11</sup> Come, you children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> **Who is the man who desires life,  
And loves many days, that he may see good?**

<sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil,  
And your lips from speaking deceit.

<sup>14</sup> **Depart from evil and do good;  
Seek peace and pursue it.**

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,  
And His ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup> **The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
To <sup>[c]</sup>cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup> The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears,  
And delivers them out of all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> **The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart,  
And saves such as <sup>[d]</sup>have a contrite spirit.**

<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

<sup>20</sup> **He guards all his bones;  
Not one of them is broken.**

**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.**

## ***Second reading (NT)***

### **Colossians 3, 12 - 17**

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

<sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### ***Jubilate Deo - Psalm 100***

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. **Amen.**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. **Amen.**

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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### ***Responses***

Minister. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### ***First collect for the day***

**God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,**

and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Second Collect, for Peace*

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Third Collect, for Grace*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Reflection*

*Other intercessions*

*The Blessing*

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among us and remain with us always,  
Amen.