

A Service of Morning & Evening Prayer (APBA)

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

1. The minister greets the people.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Through Christ let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,
the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. *Hebrews 13.15*

Blessed be the god and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his
great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. *1 Peter 1.3*

2. The minister continues in these words.

Friends in Christ,

we come together to meet with God,

and to take our part in the building up of his Church.

We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,

hear from God's word,

and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we do so, we must confess our sins,

seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and
mercy.

*3. After a period of quiet reflection, the minister invites the people
to pray together.*

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and
pray together,

God of all mercy,

we humbly admit that we need your help.

We have wandered from your way.

**We have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what is right.**

You alone can save us.

**Have mercy on us,
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live the new life to your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

4. The minister assures the people of God's forgiveness.

God desires that none should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the
gospel.

Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

And/or the minister may read one of these sentences of Scripture.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ
the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for
ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2.1-2*

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and
sent his Son to be the perfect offering for our sins. *1 John 4.10*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

*5. The leader offers this prayer in preparation for the reading
and teaching of the Scriptures.*

Heavenly Father,
give us wisdom and understanding.
As we listen to your Word,
may we know you better,
love you more,
and learn to please you in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

6. The Bible reading(s) follow.

The reading(s) may be concluded:

This is the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

7. *The Sermon is preached here.*

8. *The Apostles' Creed is said. The minister says,*

Let us affirm with Christians across the ages what we believe about God and God's love for us.

**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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD

9. *Prayers and thanksgivings may be offered. The minister says,*

Let your requests be made known to God.

In everything give thanks.

*Prayers and thanksgivings may be offered
For the whole created order, especially ...
For the nations and peoples of the earth ...
For those in authority in this land ...
For the church, its leaders and members ...
For our community, families and friends ...*

*For those who are in need ...
For particular situations ...*

The prayers may conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us:

**Our Father in heaven,
sacred 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. *Matthew 6.9–13***

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

10. A prayer of dedication is said together.

**Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created
and by whose love we are redeemed,
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service
and live this day in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*11. These words of farewell are said by the minister or the
people together.*

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all. *2 Corinthians 3.13***

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