

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Give us the joy of your saving help

**and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

*A candle may be lit and silence is kept.*

## **Opening Prayer**

Lord, direct our thoughts and teach how to pray,

Lift our hearts to worship you in spirit and truth

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Prayer of Confession**

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Jesus died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence & faith.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.

We turn from the wrong  
that we have thought and said and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.

For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past,  
and help us to live each day  
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Absolution**

May the God of love bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, creator of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You founded the earth in the beginning  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
and in these last days you have spoken to us  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us  
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
your Spirit ever renew our lives  
and your praises ever be on our lips.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Venite – a Song of Triumph**

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us joyfully rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with songs and praises.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God  
we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Bible readings for St. Peter the Apostle**

1 Peter 2:19-25: - *Christ committed no sin and by his death, we have been healed.*

Acts 12:1-11: - *Peter is rescued from prison by God's dramatic intervention*

Matthew 16:13-19: - *Peter declares Jesus to be Lord and Messiah.*

*A few moments of quiet for thought, thanksgiving & reflection.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,

'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

*Matthew 16:13-16*

Let us affirm our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,**

**and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**

**who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*(cf Ephesians 3)*

**Prayers** *(we can add our own prayers at each section)*

High and holy God, Father, Son and Spirit  
robed in majesty, Lord of heaven and earth,  
hear us as we pray for the world you sent your Son to redeem.

Saviour of the world,  
be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain,  
and bring hope even in the darkest night.....  
Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation and healing today.

Lord of the Church, empower by your Spirit  
all Christian people in our parish and in our diocese  
and the work of your Church in every land.  
We give thanks for Charlie's ordination to the priesthood,  
and we pray for Charlie and for all the members of the church  
in our vocation and ministry that we may  
serve Christ in one another.....

Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in word and deed.

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls,  
guide and enable all who lead and serve our community  
and those on whom we depend for our daily needs.....  
Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this place.

Great Physician,  
stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness, and peace  
to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.....  
Fill us with compassion that we may be channels of your healing love.

Conqueror of death,  
remember for good those whom we love but see no longer.....  
Help us to live in the sure and certain hope of your eternal victory.

Lord God, hear our prayers,  
and make us one in heart and mind,  
to serve you with joy for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Collect for St. Peter**

Almighty God,  
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter  
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:  
build up your Church upon this rock,  
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth  
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**     *(or traditional form, if you prefer)*

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.  
Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May God keep us in all our days.  
May Christ shield us in all our ways  
May the Spirit bring us healing and peace.  
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from us  
and pour upon us blessing and light.  
And the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, now and always. **Amen.**