

PRAYERS/ INTERCESSIONS

The prayers end with

**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.**

ENDING AND BLESSINGS

**The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.
Amen.**

Or

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

May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and
minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

CROSSLACON PARISH A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

PREPARATION

Opening words and scriptures may be said.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN. *(optional or alternatively listen to a piece of music)*

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Invitation to confession

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Absolution

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
So may the light of your presence, O God,
Set our hearts on fire with love for you:
Now and for ever, **Amen**

PSALM OR POEM *(optional)*

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

At the end,

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE: THE BENEDICTUS.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who 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 God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God 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.**

And you, 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 all 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.**

(Luke 1.68–79)

**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.**

A SERMON. *Alternatively, a short reflection or meditation.*

THE CREED (An Affirmation of our Christian faith)

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

HYMN *(optional or listen to a piece of music.)*