

MORNING PRAYER

From the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 75

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, 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. **Amen.**

PSALM 121

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Or Daily Office Lectionary from page 940, 941 of the Book of Common Prayer

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Isa. 47:1-15</i>	<i>Heb. 10:19-31</i>	<i>John 5:2-18</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Isa. 48:1-11</i>	<i>Gal. 1:1-17</i>	<i>Mark 5:21-43</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Isa. 48:12-21</i>	<i>Gal. 1:18—2:10</i>	<i>Mark 6:1-13</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Isa. 49:1-12</i>	<i>Gal. 2:11-21</i>	<i>Mark 6:13-29</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Isa. 49:13-23</i>	<i>Gal. 3:1-14</i>	<i>Mark 6:30-46</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Isa. 50:1-11</i>	<i>Gal. 3:15-22</i>	<i>Mark 6:47-56</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Isa. 51:1-8</i>	<i>Gal. 3:23-29</i>	<i>Mark 7:1-23</i>

REFLECTIONS: SILENT AND WRITTEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS

The Church throughout the World
The World: for peace and goodwill among neighbors
Our Nation and her Leaders
Our Community
Grace Episcopal Church
My own Thanksgivings and Concerns

COLLECT

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

EVENING PRAYER

Or the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 115

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141:2

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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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

THE SONG OF SIMEON

Lord, you now have set your servant free*
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

**ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS II:
from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 14:**

Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God; for nobody understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, those who prophesy speak to other people for their building up and encouragement and consolation. Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church. Now I would like all of you to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. One who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you in some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? It is the same way with lifeless instruments that produce sound, such as the flute or the harp. If they do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is being played? And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? So with yourselves; if in a tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is being said? For you will be speaking into the air. There are doubtless many different kinds of sounds in the world, and nothing is without sound. If then I do not know the meaning of a sound, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church.

Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unproductive. What should I do then? I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also; I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also. Otherwise, if you say a blessing with the spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say the 'Amen' to your thanksgiving, since the outsider does not know what you are saying? For you may give thanks well enough, but the other person is not built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you; nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers and sisters, do not be children in your thinking; rather, be infants in evil, but in thinking be adults. In the law it is written, 'By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners I will speak to this people; yet even then they will not listen to me,' says the Lord. Tongues, then, are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers. If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your mind? But if all prophesy, an unbeliever or outsider who enters is reproved by all and called to account by all. After the secrets of the unbeliever's heart are disclosed, that person will bow down before God and worship him, declaring, 'God is really among you.'

What should be done then, my friends? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn; and let one interpret. But if there is no one to interpret, let them be silent in church and speak to themselves and to God. Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. If a revelation is made to someone else sitting nearby, let the first person be silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged. And the spirits of prophets are subject to the prophets, for God is a God not of disorder but of peace. (NRSV)

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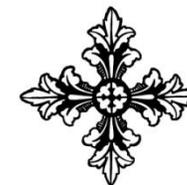
*I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.
Isaiah 49:6b*

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.

Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

O, Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.



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