The Order for Matins, or Morning Prayer

♪ The Processional Hymn

Opening Sentences

¶ The People kneel to say—

The 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 those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus 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.

The Absolution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

¶ The People stand for—

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- V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
- R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
- V. O God, make speed to save us.
- R. O Lord, make haste to help up.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- V. Praise ye the Lord.
- R. The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ The People remain standing for—

▶ The Invitatory and Psalter

¶ At Matins the Invitatory is the *Venite, exultemus Domino*, which may be preceded and followed by a seasonal antiphon.

¶ The People sit for—

The First Lesson

¶ The People stand for—

The First Canticle

¶ The first canticle is the *Te Deum laudamus*, or the *Benedictus* es, *Domine*, or the *Benedicite*, *omnia opera Domini*

¶ The People sit for—

The Second Lesson

¶ The People stand for—

The Second Canticle

 \P The second canticle is the Benedictus, Dominus Deus Israel, or the Jubilate Deo.

¶ The People remain standing and face the altar for—

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.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray.

¶ The People kneel for—

The Lesser Litany

¶ The Doxology at the end of the Lord's Prayer is ommitted when it is said as part of the Lesser Litany.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen

↑ The Suffrages

- V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. O Lord, save the State.
- R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. O Lord, save thy people.
- R. And bless thine inheritance.
- V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
- R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
- V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

- ¶ Here followeth the Collect of the Day, and any seasonal or commemorative collect. The Collect for Peace and the Collect for Grace are then said without alteration.
- ¶ Here also followeth a Prayer for The President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority; a Prayer for the Clergy and People, a Prayer for all Conditions of Men; and such prayers as the Officiant deemeth necessary, unless the Great Litany be said or sung here, or in place of the Processional Hymn.
- ¶ The People respond, "Amen."
- ¶ The Officiant may invite the People to join in saying—

A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

¶ The People respond, "Amen."

The Grace

- ¶ The People respond, "Amen."
- ¶ The people sit for the announcements, and then stand for—
- **♪** The Sermon Hymn
- ¶ The People sit for—

The Sermon

- **♪** The Anthem
- ¶ The People stand for—

♪ The Doxology

- \P On solemn occasions the Doxology may be omitted, and instead is said as followeth:
- V. All things come of thee, O Lord;
- R. And of thine own have we given thee.

A National Hymn

- ¶ The National Hymn is omitted on certain solemn occasions.
- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.
- V. Let us pray.
- ¶ The People kneel for—

The Intercessory Prayers

¶ The People respond, "Amen."

The Benediction

- ¶ The People respond, "Amen."
- ¶ The People stand for—
- **♪** The Recessional Hymn