

A Service of Mattins

Also called Morning Prayer

Words to be said are in this style: **All:** say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

This service may be taken by those in minor orders.

Participants should be encouraged to share in this service by giving readings, leading prayers or sharing testimony which can be inserted at any suitable point. The hymns should be relevant and easy to sing unaccompanied. One or more hymns can be spoken if preferred. This service is intended for use on Sunday at public worship. Prime is to be preferred on weekdays or for any other small worship service in the morning. Flexibility is to be encouraged, with material added or moved to suit the circumstances.

If there is a vestry, the Leader should say (or ask someone to say) prayers before the worship with the church stewards and perhaps the choir or others in the vestry. The congregation being seated already, the stewards enter the church followed by the leader who goes to the lectern.

Introit

Leader: May the words of my mouth, and the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

Hymn

Prayer

The leader or a delegated person will say prayers of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving.

At the conclusion all say:

All: Amen.

Notices

Items of church or parish news may be given here. If a church steward or church council member is present, it is preferred if they give the notices in which case the leader says:

Leader: Can I ask a church steward to give the notices, please.

Children's Address or short dialogue

A Children's address may be given here. If appropriate a short homily or item of interest may be given instead. If the church has a Sunday School or age appropriate worship, the young people will leave during the following hymn. Before they go, the leader should give a short prayer of blessing on them.

Hymn

The Collect

This or another Collect shall be said:

Leader: Be with us O Lord, in all our doings and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your Holy Name. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father...

Scripture Readings

Old Testament, followed by New Testament or Psalm, but not the Gospel which will come later in the service.

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord.

Leader or Reader: Our first reading is taken from the Old Testament [book, chapter, verses]

Leader or Reader: The second reading is taken from the New Testament [book, chapter, verses]

Hymn

The Gospel

The congregation should stand as they are able for the Gospel.

Leader or Reader: The Gospel reading is taken from [book, chapter, verses]

At the conclusion the leader says:

Leader or Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ our Lord

A short homily is given

Prayers of Intercession

Responsive prayers of Intercession are to be preferred, where the leader calls 'Lord in your mercy' and the congregation can respond 'Hear our prayer'. Other similar responsive prayers may be used.

Leader: We pray for those known to us who have need of our prayers:

for....

for....

and for....

All: Amen.

Hymn

The blessing

Leader: The blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us today and everyday.

All: Amen.

Please pray for the people who attended this service, your families, work and neighbourhood. Please also pray for the Old Catholic Apostolic Church.