



Morning Prayer

Niskayuna Reformed Church
Lent 2021



○ LORD, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice O Lord, by your faithful love

By your judgement, give us life.

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 us 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.

Kyrie

Greek Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
English Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Note: Lower voices may hum.

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Venite

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.** For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. **In his hand are the corners of the earth, and the strength of the hills is his also.** The sea is his, and he made it, and his hands prepared the dry land. **O come, let us worship and fall down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.** For he is the Lord our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.** For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the world and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. AMEN

Prepare our hearts and lives O Lord to watch with you. May the light of your presence set our hearts on fire with love for you, now and forever. **AMEN**
Silence is kept

Psalmody Sung or Read Responsively

Psalm

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. AMEN

Old Testament Reading

Silence is kept

Epistle Reading

Silence is kept

* Gospel Reading

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee O Christ.

Silence is kept

Responsory

Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name and you are mine.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name and you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

I have called you by name. You are mine.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. AMEN

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 Savior, 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

All 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.

Suffrages

Let us pray - God the Father,

Have mercy upon us.

God the Son,

Have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy upon us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,

Have mercy upon us.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder and dying unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; and by your preaching of the kingdom,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; and by your precious death and burial,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the faint-hearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, good Lord.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all creation.

Hear us, good Lord.

Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Lord, have mercy.

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Lord, have mercy.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, have mercy.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayers are offered

For the day and its tasks . . .

For the world and its needs . . .

For the Church and its life . . .

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen

Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, let us pray with confidence as our savior has taught us, *Our Father* . . .

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting. **AMEN**

Let us bless the Lord!

Thanks be to God

For Liturgists

General

When there are persons who have not participated before, give brief instruction on who speaks the different typefaces: regular/liturgist;

bold/congregation; bold italic/all Prepare those who will read with the appropriate link/paper.

Instruct also on the prayers after communion, requesting any who offer a prayer to conclude with “Lord, in your mercy,” so that the congregation may respond “Hear our prayer”.

When *silence* is observed, the liturgist should be attentive to the felt needs of those gathered. In ordinary circumstance, 10-15 seconds is appropriate. (The liturgist counting silently and then beginning the next rubric) Should an individual or the world situation present a special situation, many minutes of silence can be appropriate.

The liturgist leads the Kyrie a cappella.

The *Psalm and readings for the day* are found at <http://satucket.com/lectionary/> Scroll down the page to the appropriate date, pick NRSV, then scroll down to the appropriate day. The psalm can be chosen from the several suggested and sung (many are in *Rejoice in the Lord*), read in unison, or read responsively. The congregation should be invited to stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Praying the Suffrages, the liturgist should again be attentive to the felt needs of those gathered. 3-5 seconds of silence between petitions, for folk to offer their own silent prayer or simply reflect, is normal. Frequently following the penultimate petition, someone who has recently lost a loved one, will need more space between petitions.

Eucharist. The congregation shall gather, standing if able, around the table. The liturgy below is minimal. More of the normal liturgy may be added at the liturgists discretion.

The liturgist shall say,

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope. We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross. By his death, resurrection, and ascension he established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him.

The liturgist shall say, “Let us pray”

Holy and right it is and our joyful duty to give thanks to thee at all times and in all places, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Thou didst create the heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. Thou hast given us life and being and dost preserve us by thy providence. But thou hast shown us the fullness of thy love in sending into the world thy eternal Word, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who became human for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to thee we praise and bless thee, O God. Send thy Holy Spirit upon us, we pray thee, that the bread which we break may be to us the communion of the body of Christ and the cup which we bless the communion of his blood. Grant that being joined together in him we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into him who is the Head, even Christ our Lord.

The liturgist shall then say:

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread (*here s/he shall take the bread in hand*); and when he had given thanks, he broke it (*here the liturgist shall break the bread*) and gave it to them, saying, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.”

After the same manner also, he took the cup (*here the minister shall take the cup in hand*), when they had supped, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The liturgist shall then say,

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, feast upon him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

The congregation is then served, either individually by the liturgist or by the liturgist serving the first person in the circle, that person the next, and so on. When all have been served, the liturgist shall invite all to be seated.