All Saints, Hérault

The English Church at Saint Pargoire

A Chaplaincy of the Church of England Diocese in Europe

Morning Prayer

on Sunday

Welcome!

Please feel free to sit whenever you choose, especially if standing is difficult for you: nothing should stand in the way of your worship of God.

If you need help with anything please ask a neighbour or somebody “on the door”.

The words in normal type are for the worship leaders to say and the words in **bold** type for everybody to say.

“Jesus himself came near and walked with them” - Luke 24.15

The Minister welcomes the people and invites them to keep a short silence and reflect that we have gathered to worship God.

Opening Hymn

Preparation

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.

The minister may say

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Prayers of Penitence are used when Morning Prayer is the principal service and may be used on other occasions.

"If we confess our sins, he who is faithful
and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- 1 John 1.9

The following or another authorized confession and absolution is used

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

One or more of the following may conclude the Preparation or they may be omitted.

This prayer of thanksgiving may be said

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.
Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God for ever.

Opening Canticle

A suitable canticle is said or sung as follows, printed on pages 12 to 23 in this booklet and also found in Common Worship on pages 778 to 782.

Advent & Lent	*Venite, A Song of Triumph (page 12 or 18)*
Festal seasons	*Jubilate, A Song of Joy (page 14, 16 or 22)*
Easter	*The Easter Anthems (page 20)*
Ordinary Time	*Benedicite, A Song of Creation (page 23)*

After the canticle:

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.

This opening prayer may be said

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.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said or sung. Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

**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.**

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the Old Testament canticle.

Old Testament Canticle

A suitable canticle is said or sung as follows, printed on pages 13 to 24 in this booklet and also found in Common Worship on pages 786 to 791.

Advent	*A Song of the Wilderness (page 13)*
Christmas	*A Song of the Messiah (page 15)*
Epiphany	*A Song of the New Jerusalem (page 17)*
Lent	*A Song of Humility (page 19)*
Easter	*The Song of Moses and Miriam (page 21)*
Pentecost	*A Song of Ezekiel (page 22)*
Ordinary Time	*A Song of David (page 24)*

After the canticle:

**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.**

Scripture Reading(s)

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.
The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

The reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

When Morning Prayer is the principal service the Gospel reading for the day should follow

Gospel Reading – *please remain standing*

The Gospel Reading is announced:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.
And Christ shall give you light.
You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.
Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.
Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.
And Christ shall give you light.
When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.
Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said or sung

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

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

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 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.

The Sermon – *please sit*

A sermon is preached when Morning Prayer is the principal service

"Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures"
- Luke 24.27

The Creed

When Morning Prayer is the principal service, the Apostles' Creed or an authorized Affirmation of Faith is said. It may be omitted on other occasions.

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

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.

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

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

Collect

The Collect for the day is said.

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is said

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

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.

(or)

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught 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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Final hymn

The Conclusion

The service ends with one of the following, or another blessing or ending.

The Blessing

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

[Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.]

(or)

The Grace

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

(or)

The Peace

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.

These words may be added

Let us offer one another a sign of peace, God's seal on our prayers.

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Canticles
for
Morning Prayer
on Sunday

Advent

Opening Canticle: Venite – a Song of Triumph

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The canticle may end here with 'Glory to the Father...'

8 O that today you would listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,

9 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my works.

10 'Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."

11 'So I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter into my rest." '

Psalm 95

Old Testament Canticle: A Song of the Wilderness

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice,
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.

2 They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

3 Strengthen the weary hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not,
your God is coming with judgement,
coming with judgement to save you.'

5 Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 Then shall the lame leap like a hart,
and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.

7 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

8 The ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing,
with everlasting joy upon their heads.

9 Joy and gladness shall be theirs,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35.1,2b-4a,4c-6,10

Christmas

Opening Canticle: Jubilate – a Song of Joy

1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Psalm 100

Old Testament Canticle: A Song of the Messiah

1 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
upon them the light has dawned.

2 You have increased their joy and given them great gladness;
they rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest.

3 For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them;
the collar that lay heavy on their shoulders.

4 For to us a child is born and to us a son is given,
and the government will be upon his shoulder.

5 And his name will be called: Wonderful Counsellor;
the Mighty God;
the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.

6 Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,

7 Upon the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness.

8 From this time forth and for evermore;
the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9.2,3b,4a,6,7

Epiphany

Opening Canticle: Jubilate – a Song of Joy

1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

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and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Psalm100

Old Testament Canticle: A Song of the New Jerusalem

1 Arise, shine out, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

2 Though night still covers the earth,
and darkness the peoples;

3 Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God's glory appears.

4 The nations will come to your light,
and kings to your dawning brightness.

5 Your gates will lie open continually,
shut neither by day nor by night.

6 The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land,
or ruin and devastation within your borders.

7 You will call your walls, Salvation,
and your gates, Praise.

8 No more will the sun give you daylight,
nor moonlight shine upon you;

9 But the Lord will be your everlasting light,
your God will be your splendour.

10 For you shall be called the city of God,
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 60.1-3,11a,18,19,14b

Lent

Opening Canticle: Venite – a Song of Triumph

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The canticle may end here with 'Glory to the Father...'

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'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,

9 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my works.

10 'Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."

11 'So I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter into my rest." '

Psalm 95

Old Testament Canticle: A Song of Humility

1 Come, let us return to the Lord
who has torn us and will heal us.

2 God has stricken us
and will bind up our wounds.

3 After two days, he will revive us,
and on the third day will raise us up,
that we may live in his presence.

4 Let us strive to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the sunrise.

5 He will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.

6 'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you?
How shall I deal with you, O Judah?

7 'Your love for me is like the morning mist,
like the dew that goes early away.

8 'Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets,
and my judgement goes forth as the light.

9 'For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice,
and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.'

Hosea 6.1-6

Easter

Opening Canticle: The Easter Anthems

1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,

2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.

4 In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.

5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9-11

6 Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.

7 For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

8 for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

Old Testament Canticle: The Song of Moses and Miriam

1 I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously,
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

2 The Lord is my strength and my song
and has become my salvation.

3 This is my God whom I will praise,
the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.

4 The Lord is a warrior,
the Lord is his name.

5 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power:
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

6 At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them;
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

7 In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.

8 And by your invincible strength
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

9 You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord,
in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

Exodus 15.1b-3,6,10,13,17

Pentecost

Opening Canticle: Jubilate – a Song of Joy

1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Psalm100

Old Testament Canticle: A Song of Ezekiel

1 I will take you from the nations,
and gather you from all the countries.

2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.

3 A new heart I will give you,
and put a new spirit within you,

4 And I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.

5 You shall be my people,
and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b

Ordinary Time

Opening Canticle: Benedicite – a Song of Creation (shorter version)

1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

2 Bless the Lord you heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

4 Bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

5 O people of God bless the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart;

bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Adapted from The Song of the Three 35-65

Old Testament Canticle: A Song of David

1 Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,
for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

2 Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.

3 Riches and honour come from you
and you rule over all.

4 In your hand are power and might;
yours it is to give power and strength to all.

5 And now we give you thanks, our God,
and praise your glorious name.

6 For all things come from you,
and of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29.10b-13,14b

Notes for Worship Leaders

If this service is the only one on a Sunday, the readings should be the ones set as 'Principal Service' for the day in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The RCL is used by the Church of England and by several of the other major Christian denominations, including the Catholics. RCL readings are on a 3-year cycle and start on Advent Sunday each year: 2017/18 is year B, 2018/19 year C etc.

The RCL readings for each liturgical year are listed on pages 537 to 588 of the main Common Worship book. This can be confusing, however, and an easier way is the various diaries and booklets that are available listing the readings by actual date. http://almanac.oremus.org/lectionary/ is an easy on-line way to get listings. For a specific day use this example link for 5 November 2017: http://almanac.oremus.org/2017-11-05 and change the date to the one required, making sure that the numbers have leading zeros and that the dashes are minus symbols and not underscores.

The following are needed for Morning Prayer.

- Opening canticle: *from this booklet, selected for the current Church season.*
- Psalm(s): *listed in the lectionary, read from a Bible or Common Worship.*
- Old Testament canticle: *from this booklet, selected for the current Church season.*
- Scripture readings: *listed in the lectionary, read from a Bible.*
- A sermon or a suitable alternative.
- Prayers/intercessions.
- The Collect for the Day: *printed in Common Worship and also at the http://almanac.oremus.org links above.*

Members of the congregation could read the first two readings, as is the custom at a Eucharist, and the worship leader the Gospel. Another reader could lead the canticles and Psalm(s). If the Psalm is printed separately for the congregation all could say it together; or the worship leader or canticle reader could read it.

There are several possible ways to say the Gospel canticle (the Benedictus) and the other canticles. The reader could simply read the verses; or the reader could read odd verses and the congregation even ones; or the congregation could read all the words. This is for the worship leader to choose. In any case it is normal for the whole congregation to say the Gloria ('Glory to the Father …') to conclude the canticles and Psalm(s).

I suggest that the prayers (intercessions) are led in exactly the same way as at a Eucharist, by a member of the congregation, and that the worship leader then says the Collect for the day and leads the Lord's Prayer.

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