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This fuller outline on p. 656 of UiW2 may be useful for larger groups, especially where it is desired to sing.
(Alternatively, the Canticles on pp. 657-661 of UiW2 or in Canticles.doc)



A Short Guide for Daily Prayer

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or

Christ's body broken for you.

Amen.

Christ's life poured out for you.

Amen.

After all have received, a time of silence may be kept.

After the service, what remains of the elements should be consumed or otherwise reverently disposed of.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The service follows with the prayer after the Lord's Prayer in *A Short Guide for Daily Prayer*, which becomes the Prayer after Communion.*

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The minister takes the bread and breaks it in full view of the people, in silence or saying:

Christ is the bread of joy,
who shares food with sinners

The minister lifts the cup in full view of the people, in silence or saying:

Christ is the cup of life,
who revives the faint-hearted.

The minister holds out the bread and the cup to the people and says:

Let us receive what we are;
let us become what we receive.

The body of Christ.

THE COMMUNION

The minister, those assisting with the distribution, and the people receive according to local custom.

If the people are to serve one another, receiving in silence, the minister may first say to all:

Receive this holy sacrament
of the body and blood of Christ,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Words such as the following are said before or during the distribution.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

A Short Guide for Daily Prayer

Uniting in Worship 2 contains a section on Daily Prayer, and notes: 'It is planned to offer a fuller form of daily prayer at a later time.'

A Short Guide for Daily Prayer offers a step towards this fuller form, though with less parts than the 12 suggested in *Uniting in Worship 2*. It is intended for use by small groups in church, home or work, or by individuals. It is not tied to any particular part of the day.

It is intended to be used *flexibly*; it is not a rigid guide. We encourage local adaptation and creativity, and look forward to hearing how *A Short Guide* is being used in various ways, enriching the prayer of people in diverse situations. This is still a draft; feedback will be useful in formulating further drafts.

A Short Guide had its genesis when Rev Jenny Tymms was asked by the office of the Queensland Synod to produce daily prayer resources for its staff. The task of providing resources for prayer for the synod office was soon expanded to their provision for the wider Uniting Church.

These daily services echo themes of the Church Year, reminding users of the year through the week.

Sunday echoes **Easter**: Easter is the season of fifty days lasting from the Easter Vigil (sometimes on the evening of Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday) until the Day of Pentecost. In Easter, the Church celebrates the resurrection of Christ and the new life given to the believer in Jesus.

Monday echoes **Pentecost**: The last day of Easter, Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit onto the disciples, and the gifts and the fruit of the Spirit given to us today.

Tuesday echoes **Advent**: In the four weeks of Advent, the Church looks forward to the coming of the reign of Christ in its fullness, and to the coming of Christ in Bethlehem. It is a time of expectation, anticipation, self-examination and hope.

Wednesday echoes **Christmas**: Christmas is a 12-day season which extends from the evening service on Christmas Eve to the Feast of the Epiphany. Here, the Church celebrates the incarnation of Christ: God becomes human, part of the world, so that we may share the divine life.

Thursday echoes **Epiphany**: In the West, the Feast of the Epiphany on 6 January marks the coming of the magi to Jesus, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. It marks the universality of Jesus, and his light that floods the world.

Friday echoes **Lent** and **Holy Week**: Lent is a time of self-examination in which we (including those preparing for baptism or confirmation at Easter) prepare ourselves through spiritual disciplines such as prayer and fasting in order to mark more fully the events of Holy Week, and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

On **Saturday**, themes of **Discipleship** and **Rest** come to the fore. As followers of Jesus, we are disciples (students, apprentices) who learn from the master artisan. As the seventh day, Saturday is also a reminder of the rest promised to us by God.

Two psalms suitable for the seasonal theme have been suggested for each day; other psalms may be used. It is assumed that scripture reading guides such as *With Love to the World* might provide suitable sources of readings and reflection.

Particularly where *A Short Guide* is used in a retreat setting, it may be desirable to combine this order with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. A model service is provided on pages 45-48, and a rubric indicates each day where the Lord's Supper liturgy begins.

Holy God, we praise you
that on the night in which he was betrayed
our Saviour Christ took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me'.

After supper, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,
'Drink from it, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for all people
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me'.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup
and proclaim his death and resurrection.
Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Send to us the Holy Spirit,
that this meal may be holy
and your people may become one.
Unite us in faith, inspire us to love,
encourage us with hope,
that we may receive Christ
as he comes to us in this holy banquet.

We praise you, almighty Father,
through Christ your Son,
in the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, we are confident to 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.
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.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION

This is the Lord's table.
Our Saviour invites those who trust him
to share the feast which he has prepared.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful,
and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world,
for your promises to your people Israel,
and for the life we know in Jesus Christ your Son.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Leading his followers, he guides us.

Dying on the cross, he rescues us.

Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

And so, with angels and archangels
and all the choirs of heaven,
we join in the triumphant hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

People may wish to use *A Short Guide* for their own daily prayer. When an individual prays, they are never *alone*. They are surrounded by the 'cloud of witnesses' (Hebrews 12:1), and accompanied by the communion of saints. We always pray in company with the whole Church of Jesus Christ, even when alone in our room.

It is our hope that *A Short Guide for Daily Prayer* may enrich the prayer life of members of the Uniting Church and beyond, and with this hope, we present it to the Church.

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Daily Worship – Sunday
(Theme: Easter)

WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

O God, open our lips;
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God;
you brought life out of death
and hope from despair
when you raised our Lord from the grave.
Your Spirit ignites our hearts
with baptismal fire;
you raise us with Christ in newness of life,
inviting us to reflect his glory for ever.
Blessed is God's holy name.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

If a Prayer of Confession is included, the following prayer or another may be used:

We come to God,
knowing that we have failed to obey the call of Jesus
to love God and one another with our whole being;
but we come also to a God who reaches out to us
with healing and reconciliation.

silence

Let us pray:

God of all mercy,
give us grace today to make a fresh start.
We know we have not loved you
with our whole heart,
nor have we loved our neighbour as ourselves.

OR

PSALM 131

Lord, I am not proud,
holding my head too high,
reaching beyond my grasp.

**No, I am calm and tranquil
like a weaned child
resting in its mother's arms:
my whole being at rest.**

All:

*Let Israel rest in the Lord,
now and for ever.*

Psalms for Saturday

PSALM 16

Protect me, God
I turn to you for help.
I profess, 'You are my Lord,
my greatest good.'

**I once put faith in false gods,
the idols of the land.
Now I make no offering to them,
nor invoke their names.
Those who chase after them
add grief upon grief.**

Lord, you measure out my portion,
the shape of my future;
you mark off the best place for me
to enjoy my inheritance.

**I bless God who teaches me,
who schools my heart even at night.
I am sure God is here,
right beside me.
I cannot be shaken.**

So my heart rejoices,
my body thrills with life,
my whole being rests secure.

**You will not abandon me to Sheol,
nor send your faithful one to death.**

All:

*You show me the road to life:
boundless joy at your side for ever!*

As we hope to be forgiven,
teach us how to forgive;
and lead us forward in a new life
where neither grudges
nor resentment have a part;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Those who are in Christ are a new creation;
everything old has passed away;
see, the new has come!
All this is from God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Hear then Christ's word of grace to us:
'Your sins are forgiven'. [Mark 2:5](#)
Thanks be to God.

WE PRAY A PSALM

Psalms 23 or 103 may be prayed.

WE WAIT ON GOD'S WORD

O God, you speak to us with the mouth of mercy.
**Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
that your Word may take root
in the secret places of our hearts
and bear much fruit to your glory.**

The Scripture reading for the day from [With Love to the World](#) or another lectionary resource is read, followed by a period of silence for reflection. The leader may then offer a short meditation on the reading, or invite others to respond.

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

We believe, O Trinity of Love,
that you are drawing us into your dance of life.

**You fill us with the Holy Spirit
and call us to share in Christ's ministry –
living and praying for the world day and night
until all people come to believe
that the grave has lost its sting,
and that the victory belongs to Jesus Christ.**

For the care of the earth:
that the whole creation might through its very existence
shout with delight...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For reconciliation and justice:
that those whose bonds have been broken
might reach out to those yet in darkness...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who lead your people
and those who are taking new steps in faith:
that they may grow in grace, hope and love...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves:
that we might reclaim the gift of resurrection life
and recommit ourselves to you...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless us as we gather with your people.
Help us to use the gifts we have been given
for the wellbeing of Christ's Body,
that your life and grace may shine
through all that we are and do. **Amen.**

Bless us in the work and recreation of this day.
Pour your energy into tired hearts.
Revitalise our flagging spirits.
Help us to remember that we are your children
and that the whole of your creation
rests in your care. **Amen.**

Where it is desired to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the
service continues from page 45.

**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.**

God of intimacy,
you surround us with friends and family
to cherish and to challenge.
May we so give and receive caring
in the details of our lives
that we also remain faithful
to your greater demands,
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WE GO WITH GOD

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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that you are drawing us into your dance of life.
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and call us to share in Christ's ministry –
living and praying for the world day and night
until your law of love
is written on the hearts of people everywhere
and the earth is full of justice, love and peace.**

For the care of the earth and all that is awry:
that the earth's groaning may issue in God's new creation...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For reconciliation and justice:
that all people throughout the world
may taste the fruits of your Commonwealth...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For your Church in every place:
that we may rest in your peace
and prepare for your summons
to worship you and embody your purposes...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves and those we love:
that we might claim your gracious and forgiving love
for one another...

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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.**

Risen Christ,
you arise to shake the earth.
Open our graves
and free us for the future,
that alive with you
we may sing Alleluia
with joy-filled hearts. **Amen.**

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In the name of Christ. Amen.

Psalms for Sunday

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd,
I need nothing more.
You give me rest in green meadows,
setting me near clear waters,
where you revive my spirit.

**You guide me along sure paths,
you are true to your name.
Though I should walk
in death's dark valley,
I fear no evil with you by my side,
your shepherd's staff to comfort me.**

You spread a table before me
as my foes look on.
You soothe my head with oil;
my cup is more than full.

All:

*Goodness and love will tend me
every day of my life.
I will dwell in the house of the Lord
as long as I shall live.*

OR

PSALM 103

My soul, bless the Lord,
bless God's holy name!
My soul, bless the Lord,
hold dear all God's gifts!

Daily Worship – Saturday (Theme: Discipleship and rest)

WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

O God, open our lips;
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessed are you, loving God,
source and home of all things;
in the beginning you sang creation into being
and called it good.

You gave us your Son to be our Saviour
and pattern of human life,
that we may follow him and serve the world
in the power of the Spirit.

Blessed is God's holy name.

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and bear much fruit to your glory.**

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Save me, bring back my joy,
support me, strengthen my will.
Then I will teach your way
and sinners will turn to you.

**Help me, stop my tears,
and I will sing your goodness.
Lord, give me words
and I will shout your praise.**

All:

*When I bring a burnt offering,
the gift does not please you.
So I offer my shattered spirit;
a changed heart you welcome.*

**Bless God, who forgives your sin
and heals every illness,
who snatches you from death
and enfolds you with tender care,
who fills your life with richness
and gives you an eagle's strength.**

The Lord, who works justice
and defends the oppressed,
teaches Moses and Israel
divine ways and deeds.

**The Lord is tender and caring,
slow to anger, rich in love.
God will not accuse us long,
nor bring our sins to trial,
nor exact from us in kind
what our sins deserve.**

As high as heaven above earth,
so great is God's love for believers.
As far as east from west,
so God removes our sins.

**As tender as father to child,
so gentle is God to believers.
The Lord knows how we are made,
remembers we are dust.**

Our days pass by like grass,
our prime like a flower in bloom.
A wind comes, the flower goes,
empty now its place.

**God's love is from all ages,
God's justice beyond all time
for believers of each generation:
those who keep the covenant,
who take care to live the law.**

The Lord reigns from heaven,
rules over all there is.
Bless the Lord, you angels,
strong and quick to obey,
attending to God's word.

**Bless the Lord, you powers,
eager to serve God's will.
Bless the Lord, you creatures,
everywhere under God's rule.**

All:
My soul, bless the Lord!

All:

***Rejoice in the Lord.
Be glad and sing,
you faithful and just.***

OR

PSALM 51:1-17

Have mercy, tender God,
forget that I defied you.
Wash away my sin,
cleanse me from my guilt.

**I know my evil well,
it stares me in the face,
evil done to you alone
before your very eyes.**

How right your condemnation!
Your verdict clearly just.
You see me for what I am,
a sinner before my birth.

**You love those centred in truth;
teach me your hidden wisdom.
Wash me with fresh water,
wash me bright as snow.**

Fill me with happy songs,
let the bones you bruised now dance.
Shut your eyes to my sin,
make my guilt disappear.

**Creator, reshape my heart,
God, steady my spirit.
Do not cast me aside
stripped of your holy spirit.**

Psalms for Friday

PSALM 32

Happy the pardoned,
whose sin is cancelled,
in whom God finds
no evil, no deceit.

**While I hid my sin,
my bones grew weak
from endless groaning.**

Day and night,
under the weight of your hand,
my strength withered
as in a summer drought.

**Then I stopped hiding my sin
and spoke out,
'God, I confess my wrong.'
And you pardoned me.**

No wonder the faithful
pray to you in danger!
Even a sudden flood
will never touch them.

**You, my shelter,
you save me from ruin.
You encircle me
with songs of freedom.**

'I show you the path to walk.
As your teacher,
I watch out for you.

**'Do not be a stubborn mule,
needing bridle and bit
to be tamed.'**

Evil brings grief;
trusting in God brings love.

Daily Worship – Monday (Theme: Pentecost)

WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

O God, open our lips;
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessed are you, renewing God;
labouring on the cross and rising from death,
your Son poured out upon us the Spirit of life
that we may show the fruit of love,
and with chains of sin broken
be brought to freedom now and for ever.

Blessed is God's holy name.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

If a Prayer of Confession is required, the prayer for Sunday prayer or another may be used.

WE PRAY A PSALM

Psalm 104 or 146 may be prayed.

WE WAIT ON GOD'S WORD

O God, you speak to us with the mouth of mercy.
**Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
that your Word may take root
in the secret places of our hearts
and bear much fruit to your glory.**

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We believe, O Trinity of Love,
that you are drawing us into your dance of life.
**You fill us with the Holy Spirit
and call us to share in Christ's ministry –
living and praying for the world day and night
until love and loyalty embrace,
peace and justice kiss
and all are free as Christ is free.**

For the care of the earth:
that endangered animals, plants and habitats
might be deeply cherished alongside human communities...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For reconciliation and justice:
that the unemployed may find work,
and people enslaved by oppressive regimes and workplaces
might be set free for joy-filled lives...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are sick, hurting, or fearful:
that they might experience the healing touch
of the Holy Spirit...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves and our scattered brothers and sisters:
that we might dare to dream of a world made new...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless us in the midst of our daily joys and struggles.
Protect us from the pull of comfort and honour,
power and success.
Keep us honest, simple,
hospitable and merciful. **Amen.**

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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.**

Jesus, our brother,
you stayed true to the way of love
and were broken on our behalf.
May we neither cling to our pain
where it is futile,
nor refuse to embrace the cost
when it is required of us;
that in losing our selves for your sake,
we may be brought to new life. **Amen.**

WE GO WITH GOD

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In the name of Christ. Amen.

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**You fill us with the Holy Spirit
and call us to share in Christ's ministry –
living and praying for the world day and night
until rivers run in the deserts
and all people find their place
gathered around the feast of your table.**

For the care of the earth:
that mining, industrial and farming practices
might safeguard soil, air and water...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For reconciliation and justice:
that those who have plenty may live more modestly
so that others who have little may have enough...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those whose lives have been devastated
by natural disaster or political violence;
that their suffering might be answered
with compassion and restoration...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ
whose needs are close to our hearts at this time...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless us as we embark on a new week.

Breathe purpose into crooked paths.

Fill our dreams with reality,

our visions with clarity

and our ordinary words and actions with sincerity,

in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

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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.**

Spirit of truth

whom the world can never grasp,

touch our hearts

with the shock of your coming;

fill us with desire

for your disturbing peace;

and fire us with longing

to speak your uncontainable word

through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WE GO WITH GOD

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Psalms for Monday

PSALM 104:1-6, 14-15, 24, 27-30, 35b

I will bless you, Lord my God!
You fill the world with awe.
You dress yourself in light,
in rich, majestic light.

**You stretched the sky like a tent,
built your house beyond the rain.
You ride upon the clouds,
the wind becomes your wings,
the storm becomes your herald,
your servants, bolts of light.**

You made the earth solid,
fixed it for good.
You made the sea a cloak,
covering hills and all.

**You make grass grow for cattle,
make plants grow for people,
food to eat from the earth
and wine to warm the heart,
oil to glisten on faces
and bread for bodily strength.**

God, how fertile your genius!
You shape each thing,
you fill the world
with what you do.

**All look to you for food
when they hunger;
you provide it and they feed.
You open your hand, they feast;
you turn away, they fear.**

You steal their breath,
they drop back into dust.
Breathe into them, they rise
the face of the earth comes alive!

All:

**I will bless you, Lord!
Hallelujah!**

Daily Worship – Friday (Theme: Lent)

WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

O God, open our lips;
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessed are you, merciful God,
whose Son came not to condemn but to save;
come quickly to help us in temptation,
and save us from the time of trial.
By your grace you welcomed us home
when we were lost,
and gave us the Spirit of comfort and mercy.
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OR

PSALM 148:1-13a, 14b

Praise the Lord!
Across the heavens,
from the heights,
**all you angels, heavenly beings,
sing praise, sing praise!**

Sun and moon, glittering stars,
sing praise, sing praise.
**Highest heavens, rain clouds,
sing praise, sing praise.**

Praise God's name,
whose word called you forth
**and fixed you in place for ever
by eternal decree.**

Let there be praise:
**from depths of earth,
from creatures of the deep.**

Fire and hail, snow and mist,
storms, winds,
mountains, hills,
**fruit trees and cedars,
wild beasts and tame,
snakes, birds,**

princes, judges,
rulers, subjects,
**men, women,
old and young,
praise, praise the holy name,
this name beyond all names.**

All:

Israel, let there be praise!

OR

PSALM 146

Hallelujah!
**Praise the Lord, my heart!
Let me sing to God
as long as I live.**

Never depend on rulers:
born of earth, they cannot save.
They die, they turn to dust.
That day their plans crumble.

**They are wise who depend on God,
who look to Israel's Lord,
creator of heaven and earth,
maker of the teeming sea.**

The Lord keeps faith for ever,
**giving food to the hungry,
justice to the poor,
freedom to captives.**

The Lord opens blind eyes
and straightens the bent,
**comforting widows and orphans,
protecting the stranger.**
The Lord loves the just
but blocks the path of the wicked.

All:

**Zion, praise the Lord!
Your God reigns for ever,
from generation to generation.
Hallelujah!**

Daily Worship – Tuesday
(Theme: Advent)

WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

O God, open our lips;
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessed are you, God of hope;
by your tender compassion,
the light of Christ comes in its completeness
to make all thing new.
Your Spirit renews our faith,
that we may see the signs of your reign of peace around us
day by coming day.

Blessed is God's holy name.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

If a Prayer of Confession is required, the prayer for Sunday prayer or another may be used.

WE PRAY A PSALM

Psalm 96 or 146 may be prayed.

WE WAIT ON GOD'S WORD

O God, you speak to us with the mouth of mercy.
**Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
that your Word may take root
in the secret places of our hearts
and bear much fruit to your glory.**

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Psalms for Thursday

PSALM 77:1, 11-20

I cry to you, God! I plead with you!
If only you would hear me!
I recall your awesome deeds,
your wonders of old.
I reflect on all you have done,
on all your works.

**You alone are holy.
What god compares to you?
You are the God of power,
strong among the nations.
You reached out to save your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.**

Seeing you, the waters churned,
shuddering, writhing,
convulsed to the depths.
Clouds poured down rain,
thunder shook the heavens,
lightning darted like arrows.

**And the thunder rolled,
flashes lit up the world,
the earth trembled and quaked.**

You set a path through the sea,
a way through raging waters,
with no trace of your footprints.

All:

***You led your flock
under Moses, Aaron and Miriam.***

Where it is desired to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the service continues from page 45.

**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.**

O God,
whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend;
show us your glory
as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us
from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear,
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WE GO WITH GOD

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

We believe, O Trinity of Love,
that you are drawing us into your dance of life.

**You fill us with the Holy Spirit
and call us to share in Christ's ministry –
living and praying for the world day and night
until the dawning light of Christ
shines justice for all.**

For the care of the earth:
that nations and communities might respond
to the challenges of global warming and climate change...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For reconciliation and justice:
that peoples bowed down by poverty
might have horizons expanded by the provision of daily bread...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are depressed or overwhelmed by loss:
that your Dawn might dispel their present darkness...

Free prayer may be offered out loud or silently.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves and your Church throughout the world:
that we might with passionate patience wait upon your will...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless us in the loves and labours of this day.
Deepen our love for you and for one another,
and open our eyes to discern the pathways
into which you are calling us.

May the lure of your promised coming
entice us away from our self-preoccupations,
and draw us ever more deeply
into your life and your purposes for us. **Amen.**

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your kingdom come,
your will be done
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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.**

Holy God,
whose presence is known
in the structures we build,
and also in their collapse;
establish in us a community of hope,
not to contain your mystery,
but to be led beyond security
into your sacred space,
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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and call us to share in Christ's ministry –
living and praying for the world day and night,
until the glory of Christ shines upon all people
to the ends of the earth.**

For the care of the earth:
that wild habitats might be protected
and urban green spaces restored
so that all people may know the beauty and majesty of your creation...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For reconciliation and justice:
that all forms of discrimination
that demean and disempower might end,
and outsiders become full participants
in communities made new...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves and for each person of faith:
that we might let go of all that is false within us
and grow as disciples of the Way...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless us throughout this day.
Open our hearts and minds to others
and to the unexpected gifts they may bring.
Keep us alert to your surprising presence in our midst.
Help us to listen to the wisdom that you speak and
may we be a blessing to everyone we meet.

Daily Worship – Thursday
(Theme: Epiphany)

WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

O God, open our lips;
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessed are you, eternal God;
you reveal your presence among us
through Jesus your Son,
that we may live as one and worship him
through the light of your Holy Spirit,
and so be changed into the likeness of Christ,
day by day.

Blessed is God's holy name.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

If a Prayer of Confession is required, the prayer for Sunday prayer or another may be used.

WE PRAY A PSALM

Psalm 77 or 148 may be prayed.

WE WAIT ON GOD'S WORD

O God, you speak to us with the mouth of mercy.
**Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
that your Word may take root
in the secret places of our hearts
and bear much fruit to your glory.**

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Psalms for Tuesday

PSALM 96

A new song for the Lord!
Sing it and bless God's name,
everyone, everywhere!
**Tell the whole world
God's triumph from day to day,
God's glory, God's wonder.**

A noble God deserving praise,
the dread of other gods,
the puny gods of pagans;
**for our God made the heavens—
the Lord of majestic light
who fills the temple with beauty.**

Proclaim the Lord, you nations,
praise the glory of God's power,
praise the glory of God's name!
**Bring gifts to the temple,
bow down, all the earth,
tremble in God's holy presence.**

Tell the nations, 'The Lord rules!'
As the firm earth is not swayed,
nothing can sway God's judgement.
**Let heaven and earth be glad,
the sea and sea creatures roar,
the field and its beasts exult.**

Then let the trees of the forest sing
before the coming of the Lord,

All:

*who comes to judge the nations,
to set the earth aright,
restoring the world to order.*

OR

PSALM 146

Praise the Lord, my heart!
My whole life, give praise.
Let me sing to God
as long as I live.

**Never depend on rulers:
born of earth, they cannot save.
They die, they return to dust.
That day, their plans crumble.**

They are wise who depend on God,
who look to Jacob's Lord,
creator of heaven and earth,
maker of the teeming sea.

**The Lord keeps faith for ever,
giving food to the hungry,
justice to the poor,
freedom to captives.**

The Lord opens blind eyes
and straightens the bent,
comforting widows and orphans,
protecting the stranger.
The Lord loves the just
but blocks the path of the wicked.

All:

***Zion, praise the Lord!
Your God reigns for ever,
from generation to generation.
Hallelujah!***

OR

PSALM 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,
the Lord of wonderful deeds.
Right hand and holy arm
brought victory to God.

**God made that victory known,
revealed justice to nations,
remembered a merciful love
loyal to the house of Israel.
The ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

Shout to the Lord, you earth,
break into song, into praise!
Sing praise to God with a harp,
with a harp and sound of music.
With sound of trumpet and horn,
shout to the Lord, our king.

**Let the sea roar with its creatures,
the world and all that live there!
Let rivers clap their hands,
the hills ring out their joy!**

All:

***The Lord our God comes,
comes to rule the earth,
justly to rule the world,
to govern the peoples aright.***

Psalms for Wednesday

PSALM 8

Lord our God,
the whole world tells
the greatness of your name.
Your glory reaches
beyond the stars.

**Even the babble of infants
declares your strength,
your power to halt
the enemy and avenger.**

I see your handiwork
in the heavens:
the moon and the stars
you set in place.

**What is humankind
that you remember them,
the human race
that you care for them?**

You treat them like gods,
dressing them in glory and splendour.
You give them charge of the earth,
laying all at their feet:

**cattle and sheep,
wild beasts,
birds of the sky,
fish of the sea,
every swimming creature.**

All:

*Lord our God,
the whole world tells
the greatness of your name.*

Daily Worship – Wednesday (Theme: Christmastide)

WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

O God, open our lips;
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessed are you, O God;
you brought us to birth and nurtured us.
You came to us in Jesus, Word of God and brother,
and you walk with us in our daily lives.
You are within and among us through the Spirit;
the midwife of a world transformed
and bringer of new life.

Blessed is God's holy name.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

If a Prayer of Confession is required, the prayer for Sunday prayer or another may be used.

WE PRAY A PSALM

Psalm 8 or 98 may be prayed.

WE WAIT ON GOD'S WORD

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**Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
that your Word may take root
in the secret places of our hearts
and bear much fruit to your glory.**

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that you are drawing us into your dance of life.

**You fill us with the Holy Spirit
and call us to share in Christ's ministry –
living and praying for the world day and night
until all people live as your holy family,
united in respect and love.**

For the care of the earth:
that the mutual dependence of all species upon one another
might be honoured and protected...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For reconciliation and justice:
that refugees, displaced families and homeless people
might be welcomed into places of safety, shelter
and long-term security...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are in physical pain or mental anguish,
and for those whose death draws near:
that the loving embrace of your Spirit
might comfort and console...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves, our families and friends...

Free prayer may be offered aloud or silently.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless us, loving God,
mother and father of us all.
Grant us physical health, spiritual strength
and clarity of heart and mind,
that we might offer our whole selves
for your purposes in the world.
Be present in our waking and our sleeping,
in our working and our resting. **Amen.**

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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.**

Loving Word of God,
you have shown us the fullness of your glory
in taking human flesh.
Fill us, in our bodily life,
with your grace and truth;
that our pleasure may be boundless,
and our integrity complete,
in your name. **Amen.**

WE GO WITH GOD

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.