

# New Zealand Morning Prayer

## Wednesday, September 15, 2021

**The Preparation:** Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

Leader: Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

People: **Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might,  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

**A Song of Praise**(read in unison)

**Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him forever.  
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him forever.  
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \* praise him and highly exalt him forever.  
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him forever.  
Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \* praise him and highly exalt him forever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*praise him and highly exalt him forever.**

*Leader:* Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us praise and worship God who has called us together. Let us celebrate God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love. Together we shall confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven. As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives. In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service. All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us of our Savior Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear these words of scripture: *One of the following sentences is read.*

As God who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

*or*

If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.  
If we confess our sins, God is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

*or*

Love one another, for love is of God,  
and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Let us pause in silence, and remember our need for God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins to God.

**Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you  
with all our heart. We have not loved others as our Savior Christ loves us. We are truly sorry. In your mercy  
forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may delight in  
your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive our sins, strengthen us by the Holy Spirit, and keep us in life  
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

**The Ministry of the Word:**

O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
**let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.**  
We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;  
**and tell of your salvation from day to day.**  
We proclaim your glory to the nations,  
**your praise to the ends of the earth.**

**Psalm 119:65-72**

1 Give the King your justice, O God, \* and your righteousness to the King's son;  
2 That he may rule your people righteously \* and the poor with justice.  
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \* and the little hills bring righteousness.  
4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \* he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \* from one generation to another.  
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \* like showers that water the earth.  
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \* there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
8 He shall rule from sea to sea, \* and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**The Lessons**

**The First Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-13**

1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. 6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. 13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 19: *A Song of the Redeemed***

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, \*surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \* O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? \* for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \* because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:18-25**

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**The Apostles' Creed:** *(read in unison)*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again 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.**

The Lord be with you.

**The Lord bless you.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,

**your saving power among all peoples.**

Renew your Church in holiness,

**and help us to serve you with joy.**

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,

**that justice may prevail throughout the world.**

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,

**nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Make us instruments of your peace,

**and let your glory be over all the earth.**

**A Collect of the Day: Pentecost, Proper 19**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Peace**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

**For Those Who Govern**

Eternal God, Fount of wisdom; we ask you to bless the representatives we have elected; grant that through their discussions and decisions we may solve our problems effectively, enhance the well-being of our nation, and achieve together a fairer and more united society. **Amen.**

**For the Mission of the Church**

Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. **Amen.**

*Please offer your thanksgivings or prayer requests, either silently or aloud. You can also type them to share with others if you like.*

**Collect for Morning:**

Holy and ever-living God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Dismissal:**

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

Let us go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.  
**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**