

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**MORNING PRAYER**

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Leader: O Lord open our lips

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hymn:

***The 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.**

*The Song of the Three 35-37, 60-65*

*This opening prayer may be said*

Leader: The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

Leader: 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.

**All**   **Amen.**

#### The Word of God

[**Psalmody**](https://www.churchofengland.org/common-material/psalter#mm13a)

The appointed [psalmody](https://www.churchofengland.org/common-material/psalter#mm13a) is said.

At the end of the psalm(s)

**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.**

**The First Reading**

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Canticle:**  *(remain seated)*

**A Song of David**

Leader: Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;

you are exalted as head over all.

**All: Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;**

**you are exalted as head over all.**

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.**

**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.**

**All: Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;**

**you are exalted as head over all.**

1 Chronicles 29.10b-13,14b

**The Second Reading**

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*After a period of silence:*

**The Responsary**

Leader: Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

**All    And Christ shall give you light.**

Leader: You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**All    Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Leader: Set your minds on things that are above,

not on things that are on the earth.

**All    And Christ shall give you light.**

Leader: When Christ our life appears

you will appear with him in glory.

**All    Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,**

**and Christ shall give you light.**

**The Gospel Canticle** *(please stand)*

**The Benedictus**

**All    You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,**

**born of the house of your servant David.**

**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.**

**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.**

**All    You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,**

**born of the house of your servant David.**

*Luke 1.68-79*

**Hymn:**

**The Prayers** *(please sit or kneel)*

*At the end of each petition:*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

**The Collect:** Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Leader: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All: 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.

**Hymn:**

Leader: The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,

and keep us in eternal life.

**All: Amen**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Epiphany 2 14th January 2007**

Priest: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

(All kneel)

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith:

We thank you for revealing your love to us and to all people through the life and example and teaching of your Son. Direct and guide your Church to continue his great work of love that others might come to share our faith in you.

At the beginning of this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for the many denominations that make up your Church in this country and ask that you will help us to work more closely together and overcome those things which divide us.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, your will for all your people is justice and peace. Hear our prayers for nations that are divided, and nations at war with their neighbours. We pray for the people of east Africa, and especially Somalia and the Sudan. We pray too for Iraq, the Middle East and Afghanistan as they seek new ways to ensure the safety of all who live there.

We pray for all who put their own lives at risk for the sake of others. Bless peace keepers and aid workers who serve at the front line. May their contribution to the well being of our world be recognised by all.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, we ask you blessing on all that we do during this week of prayer for Christian Unity and commend to you our fellow Christians here in Orford. Help us to grow closer to one another, to learn more from one another, and to discern your will for us.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

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Leader: Loving Father, your Son shared our life and knew the anguish of pain and suffering. Hear our prayers for those who work to understand illness and find new treatments for those who are sick.

We continue to pray by name for Austin Thompson, Terry and Dolly Hancock, Ernest Markland, Eric Shaw, Gladys Hendry, Marie Clarke, Matthew Johnson, Keeley Gilmore, Robert Thirsk, Marlene Phillip, Janice Ince, Jimmy Blyth, Beryl Fisher, Doris Jepson, Nita Wright, Tom Roberts, Judith Cash and any who we now bring to mind. Give them, and those who care for them, courage and strength at this time.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Hear us, Father, as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, including Elsie Faulkner who died recently, and also those whose anniversary of death falls this week, including Mabel Matthewman, Sarah Shelley Bill Edmonds, Eileen Thompson Hannah Hinchliffe Elizabeth Ann Clayton, Jim Fisher, Nellie Shaw and Elsie Shaw.

We give thanks for those who by their lives and example have brought us to faith in you. According to your promises, grant us, with them, a share in your eternal kingdom.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, we join our prayers with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saints in glory.

Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers,**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Epiphany 2 14th January 2007**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord says this: For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:**  *(remain seated)*  ‘We walk by faith and not by sight’

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| 1. We walk by faith and not by sight  no gracious words we hear  of him who spoke as none e’er spoke,  but we believe him near. | | 2. We may not touch his hands and side,  nor follow where he trod;  yet in his promise we rejoice,  and cry “My Lord and God!” | |
| 3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  and may our faith abound;  to call on you when you are near,  and seek where you are found: | | 4. That when our life of faith is done  in realms of clearer light  we may behold you as you are  in full and endless sight. | |
| 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight:  no gracious words we hear  of him who spoke as none e’er spoke  but we believe him near. | |

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**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.