

Extracts from A Prayer Book for Australia

Daily Prayer

The Daily Services

Thursday Morning

1 This is the message we have heard from Christ:
that God is light, in whom there is
no darkness at all.

1 John 1.5

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Herald

Go up to a high mountain
herald of good tidings to Zion:
lift up your voice with strength,
herald of good tidings to Jerusalem.

Lift up your voice, fear not:
say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'
See the Lord God, coming with power:
coming to rule with his mighty arm.
He brings his reward for the people of God:
the recompense for those who are saved.
God will feed his flock like a shepherd:
and gather the lambs in his arms;
He will hold them to his breast:
and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40.9–11

3 The Opening Prayer

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,

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set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. Amen.

4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.

5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share our human nature, so we may be partakers in his divine glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.

The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or

May your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory.

7 The Canticle, The Hymn of the Word

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God,
And the Word was God:
He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through him:
and without him, was not anything made that was made.

In him was life:
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness:
and the darkness has not overcome it.
He was in the world:
and the world was made through him
yet the world knew him not.
He came to his own home:
and his own people received him not.
But to all who received him who believed on his name:
he has given power to become children of God;

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Who were born not of blood
nor of the will of the flesh:
nor of the will of a man but of God.
And the Word became flesh:
and dwelt among us full of grace and truth;
We have beheld his glory:
glory as of the only Son from the Father.
And from his fullness have we all received:
and grace upon grace.

John 1.1–5, 10–14, 16

8 The Apostles' Creed may be said.

9 The Prayers

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

10 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day

11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.

12 The Morning Collect

Lord and heavenly Father,
you have brought us safely to this new day:
keep us by your mighty power, protect us from sin,
guard us from every kind of danger,
and in all we do this day
direct us in the fulfilling of your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

13 The Lord be with you.

And also with you.
Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

May the God of peace equip us with everything good so that we may do his will; and may he work
in us that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

see Hebrews 13.20–21

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