

Morning & Evening Prayer for General Synod 2019

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INTRODUCTION TO MORNING PRAYER FOR GENERAL SYNOD 2019

Morning Prayer for General Synod 2019 is simple in its structure. It draws on the work of the Church of England's Common Worship: Daily Prayer where each weekday in the weeks following Pentecost remind us of the seasons of the Church's year: Thursday (Epiphany), Friday (Lent), Saturday (All Saints), Monday (Pentecost) and Tuesday (Advent). In the Anglican Church of Canada this structure influenced the preparation of the Trial Use Daily Offices by the Liturgy Task Force presented to General Synod in 2016.

We shall gather and sing. We shall hear the Word proclaimed and reflect on what the Word is speaking to us today. We shall offer our intercessions and pray the Lord's Prayer in the many languages God has given to us to express our prayers and praise. Then we shall be sent into the work of the day before us. On Saturday we shall hear the Sunday gospel in preparation for our parish visits.

As we pray together, please pray quietly enough so that you can hear the voices of your neighbours. This way our prayer rises as a symphony of voices lifted up before God in prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER

Gathering

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Your light springs up for the righteous
and all the peoples have seen your glory. Alleluia.

Hymn Lord Prepare me to be a Sanctuary/How Great Thou Art

Word

Luke 1.26-33

^{1.26} In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now,

you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Table Discussion

An angel named Gabriel, a town called Nazareth, a man named Joseph, a virgin whose name was Mary, a child to be named Jesus and called the Son of the Most High...

Names in this short passage serve to identify the characters. But they do more than that: they mean to tell us something about those characters.

Our names often have meanings: for instance, “Mary” means “sea of sorrow;” “Jesus” means “saviour.” Sometimes our names reveal our geographic origins, for example, “Brownhill,” or our family trade, such as “Boulanger” (“Baker”). Some of us are named for our ancestors or other people our parents admired. Some of us receive new names throughout our lifetime, conferred by our community to describe us, or our changing role. [Example]. And in many indigenous communities traditional names are being reclaimed.

The theme of this General Synod is “I have called you by name.”

In your table group:

1. Share with each other a story of your own name.

Hymn I have called you by your name

Litany

Everlasting Light of creation, may your people in all world
worship in spirit and in truth.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

May the church discover that unity which is your will.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

May the nations of the earth seek after the ways that make for peace.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

May the whole creation be set free
to enjoy the glorious liberty of your children.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

May all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death
rest in peace and rise in glory.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing in the promises of God
and gathering our prayers and praises
into the many languages God has given us,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

or

**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.**

Sending

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER

Gathering

O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
Christ has shown forth his glory:
O come let us worship.

Hymn Come and Find A Quiet Centre/Spirit of Life

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Litany

Send forth your strength, O God;
establish what you have wrought in us.

Uphold all those who fall
and raise up those who are bowed down.

Open the eyes of the blind
and set the prisoners free.

Sustain the orphan and widowed
and give food to those who hunger.

Grant them the joy of your help again
and sustain them with your Spirit.

Giver of peace, judge the peoples
and take all nations for your own.

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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 Be Thou My Vision

Sending

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn (reprise) I have called you by your name (verses 3&4)

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER

Gathering

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
according to your judgement give us life. Alleluia

Hymn Christ be our Light/Blessed be your name

Word

Genesis 35.9-15

^{35.9} God appeared to Jacob again when he came from Paddan-aram, and he blessed him. ¹⁰ God said to him, “Your name is Jacob; no longer shall you be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.” So he was called Israel. ¹¹ God said to him, “I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall spring from you. ¹² The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you.” ¹³ Then God went up from him at the place where he had spoken with him. ¹⁴ Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured out a drink offering on it, and poured oil on it. ¹⁵ So Jacob called the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

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Table Discussion

This passage highlights a change of name. Jacob, whose name meant “supplanter,” and who had certainly supplanted his older twin Esau when he stole their father’s blessing, is now to be called “Israel.” This new name means “one who strives with God.” It is God who gives him this name. Along with the name comes the promise of a new future: “A nation and a company of nations shall come from you. The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you.”

In your table group:

1. What changes of name – of persons, places, or things – can you think of, and what do they signify about a hoped-for future? (For example: Dominion Day/Canada Day; l'Église épiscopale/l'Église anglicane; Keewatin/Mishamikoweesh.)
2. What descriptive name might God wish to confer on our Anglican Church today, and what future would this signify?

Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus name (selected verses)

Litany

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church
throughout the world,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel
to the ends of the earth,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For those preparing for baptism
and for their teachers and sponsors,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For peace in the world,
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation
may grow among nations and peoples,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer;
for refugees, prisoners and all in danger;
that they may be relieved and protected,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For all whom we have injured or offended,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For grace to amend our lives and to further your reign,
God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God
and gathering our prayers and praises
into the many languages God has given us,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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,
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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.**

Sending

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

Gathering

O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
Our God is full of compassion and mercy:
O come let us worship.

Hymn Kindle a flame/Don't be afraid

Word

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Meditation Beautiful Things

Litany

God of compassion, answer us in the day of trouble,
send us help from your holy place.

Show us the path of life,
for in your presence is joy.

Give justice to the orphaned and oppressed

and break the power of wickedness and evil.

Look upon the hungry and sorrowful
and grant them the help for which they long.

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad;
may your glory endure for ever.

You have dominion over all
and with you is our redemption.

The Lord's Prayer

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Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
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Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
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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 Great is thy Faithfulness

Sending

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SATURDAY EVENING PRAYER

Gathering

O God, be not far from us.

Come quickly to help us, O God.

Our God is glorious in all the saints:

O come let us worship.

Hymn Ubi Caritas (CP 553)/Common Ground Holy Ground

Word

John 20.1-18

^{20.1} Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means

Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Litany

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in the paths of peace and goodwill:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven our sins and offences:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That there may be peace in your Church and for the whole world:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may bound together by your Holy Spirit,
in communion with Mary Magdalene and all your saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:

we pray to you, O Lord.

Hymn Revive us again

The Lord’s Prayer

Uniting with the whole company of heaven
and gathering our prayers and praises
into the many languages God has given us,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

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And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
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the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn I have called you by your name

Sending

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn Revive us again...

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER

Gathering

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

Hymn Holy Holy Holy (CP 1)/Send the Fire

Word

Acts 11.19-26

^{11.19} Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. ²² News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called “Christians.”

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Table Discussion

The writer describes the spread of the gospel to the Gentiles in Syria, and their enthusiastic acceptance of “the Lord.” Barnabas, too, an emissary from the Jewish converts in Jerusalem, approves of this initiative. He seeks out Saul (now Paul), and together they instruct the disciples in Antioch for a whole year. The fervour of this community leads others to call them “Christians” – likely not a complimentary nickname at the time.

In your table group:

1. What characteristics of the Church might lead others to call us “Christian?” Is this meant as a compliment? Why or why not?

Hymn Ten thousand reasons

Litany

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places
and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood.
God of the prophets, hear our prayer.

Let all peoples acknowledge your reign of justice and peace
and grant on earth the blessing of peace.
God of the prophets, hear our prayer.

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
and renew your church with power from on high.
God of the prophets, hear our prayer.

May peace abound and righteousness flourish,
so that we may vanquish injustice and wrong.
God of the prophets, hear our prayer.

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation,
and grant us the needful gifts of your grace.
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The Lord's Prayer

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and gathering our prayers and praises
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Sending

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER

Gathering

O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
You send forth your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Hymn God of Freedom God of Justice/Common Ground-Holy Ground

Word

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Litany

Show us your mercy, O God;
and grant us your salvation.

Ruler of all, save the Queen;

and teach her counsellors wisdom.

Let your bishops, priests and deacons be clothed with righteousness;
let your faithful people sing with joy.

Let your ways be known upon earth;
your saving health among all nations.

Give your people the blessing of peace;
and may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.

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for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn Canticle of the Turning

Sending

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn Beautiful Things

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER

Gathering

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your kingdom. Alleluia.

Hymn Christ be our light/Send the Fire

Word

Ruth 1.6-18

^{1.6} Then [Naomi] started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰ They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹ But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³ would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.” ¹⁴ Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.”

¹⁶ But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die, I will die — there

will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!”

¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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Thanks be to God.

Table Discussion

Just as yesterday’s reading highlighted the openness of the Jewish converts to the Gentile believers, so today’s reading depicts a Gentile (Ruth) pledging herself to Naomi’s Jewish heritage. When the famine is over in Israel, and it becomes possible for Naomi to return to her homeland, she is willing to re-establish the divide between her people and Ruth’s people, because she feels unable to meet Ruth’s needs. But by now, a strong relationship exists between them. Ruth resists, and says, “Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.”

In your table group:

1. Ours is a diverse church, encompassing many expressions of faithfulness. How might we retain our unity as one people under one God whilst honouring our differences and autonomy?

Hymn Love’s Divine all Love’s excelling

Litany

God, our Maker and Redeemer, fill the earth with justice and compassion.

God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.

Establish righteousness in the nations.

God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.

Bind up the broken-hearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen.

God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.

Shine the light of Christ on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death.

God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.

Empower us, with all the saints in light, to be your witnesses in the world.
God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.¹

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory
and gathering our prayers and praises
into the many languages God has given us,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

or

**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.**

¹ *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2005), 377 alt.

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Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.