

An Order of Service for Noonday

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

A suitable hymn may be sung.

One or more of the following Psalms is sung or said. Other suitable selections include Psalms 19,67, one or more sections of Psalm 119, or a selection from Psalms 120 through 133.

Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according
to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of
my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your
commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for
ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your
statutes *
for ever and to the end.

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not
fall asleep.

- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
*
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right
hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by
day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all
evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going
out and
your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of
Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with
laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for
them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the
seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering
their sheaves.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the
Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

People Thanks be to God.

or the following

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

People Thanks be to God.

or this

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

People Thanks be to God.

A meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.

The Officiant then begins the Prayers

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

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.

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.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People And let our cry come to you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one of the following Collect. If desired, the Collect of the Day may be used.

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

Almighty Savior, who at noonday called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Free intercessions may be offered.

The service concludes as follows

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

A service of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. In this service a large Host is placed in the luna of a monstrance on the altar so that the Host is visible to the congregation. The Host is censed while it is in the monstrance and used to bless the congregation by making the sign of the cross over the people. This service includes prayers and one or more hymns that emphasize the Incarnation and Christ's real presence in the sacrament of the eucharist. The Host is returned to the tabernacle at the end of the service. The BCP makes no provision for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, but it may be seen in parishes with an Anglo-catholic piety.¹

All kneeling, the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance is exposed; then the following hymn is sung.²

*O Saving Victim opening wide
The Gate of heaven to us below,
Our foes press on from every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee. Amen.*

St. Thomas Aquinas

Priest Thou gavest them Bread from heaven.

People ***Containing in itself all sweetness.***

Priest Let us pray.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left us a perpetual Memorial of Thy Passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest, world without end. ***Amen.***

The Priest then goes to the altar and with the monstrance makes the sign of the Cross over the people.

The people may make the sign of the Cross and bow in fervent adoration, saying silently Blessed, praised and adored be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament.

¹ <https://episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/benediction-blessed-sacrament>

² http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/Anglican_Service_Book/addl_devotions2.html

The monstrance is placed on the Altar and the Divine Praises are said by the Priest, the people repeating them after him, all kneeling. At the Celebrant's discretion, additional Praises may be added.

Blessed be God.

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Blessed be His Holy Name.

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Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

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Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

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Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

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Blessed be the Great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

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Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

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Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

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Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

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The Blessed Sacrament is replaced in the Tabernacle, the People, stand, and Psalm 117 is sung.

Antiphon: ***Let us adore forever the Most Holy Sacrament. (Alleluia.)***

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen; *

praise him, all ye nations.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us; *

and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *

and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *

world without end. Amen. (Repeat Antiphon)