

St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt



Matins

A Shortened Morning Service from The Book of Common Prayer

Please remain seated throughout the Service.

Welcome, Opening Sentence and Introduction

Officiant Dearly beloved brethren, ...

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me :

General Confession

All Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done ;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake ;
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Officiant

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Officiant

O Lord, open thou our lips

All

and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us.

All

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Officiant

Praise ye the Lord.

All

The Lord's name be praised.

The Jubilate Deo

All **O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and
not we ourselves ; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts
with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.**

**For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.**

**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.**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew Chapter 18, verses 21 to 35

The Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

All **And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

All **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All **Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Officiant says the Collect of the Day

All **Amen**

The Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord,
in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect
freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any
adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Let us all say together the Collect for Grace

All **O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day;
defend us in the same with thy mighty power;
and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind
of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance,
to do always that is righteous in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Thought for the Day

The Prayers of Intercession

Followed by *The Grace*

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

The Blessing.

All **Amen.**