



ANZAC DAY PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

L: My soul waits, silent for God, for God alone my hope.

Alone my rock, my safety, my refuge, I stand secure.

All: Wait, my soul, silent for God, for God alone my hope.

L: God is my glory and safety, my stronghold, my haven.

People give your hearts to God, trust always! God is our haven.

All: Wait, my soul, silent for God, for God alone my hope.

L: Strength and love are mine to give

The Lord repays us all in the light of what we do.

All: Wait, my soul, silent for God, for God alone my hope.

Hymn

God of Day and God of Darkness

Show us Christ in one another, make us servants strong and true;

Give us all your love of justice so we do what you would do

Let us call all people holy, let us pledge our lives anew,

Make us one with all the lowly, let us all be one in you.

You shall be the path that guides us, you the light that in us burns;

Shining deep within all people, yours the love that we must learn.

For our hearts shall wander restless till they safe to you return.

Finding you in one another we shall all face your discern.

Praise to you in day and darkness, you are source and you our end.

Praise to you who love and nurture us as a father, mother, friend.

Grant us all a peaceful resting, let it mind and body mend,

So we rise refreshed tomorrow, hearts renewed to Kingdom tend.

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Canticle

Lamentation 3: 23-24 25-28 40

Antiphon

The favours of God are not exhausted, every morning they are renewed.

Surely God's mercies are not over,
God's deeds of faithful love not exhausted,
Every morning they are renewed;
great is God's faithfulness!
God is all I have, I say to myself
and so I shall put my hope in God.
God is good to those who trust
to all who search for God.
It is good to wait in silence for God to save,
for God will not reject anyone forever.
It is good to sit in solitude and silence
when our heart weighs heavy.
Let us examine our path,
let us ponder it and return to God
Let us raise our hearts and hands to God in Heaven
For we who have sinned have been forgiven.
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Reading: John 12, 23-28.

Responsory

L: Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains only a single grain.

All: Unless a grain of wheat.....

L: But if it dies it yields a rich harvest

All: Unless a grain of wheat.....

L: Glory to you Source of all being Eternal Word and Holy Spirit

All: Unless a grain of wheat.....

Canticle of Zechariah

Antiphon: If anyone serves me, my Father will honour them.

BENEDICTUS (Bernadette Farrell)

Blest be the Lord, the God of Israel
Who brings the dawn and darkest night dispels,
Who raises up a mighty saviour from the earth,
Of David's line, a son of royal birth.
The prophets tell a story just begun
Of vanquished foe and glorious victory won,
Of promise made to all who keep the law as guide:
God's faithful love and mercy will abide.
This is the oath once sworn to Abraham:
All shall be free to dwell upon the land,
Free now to praise, unharmed by the oppressor's rod
Holy and righteous in the sight of God.
And you, my child, this day you shall be called
The promised one, the prophet of our God,
For you will go before the Lord to clear the way,
And shepherd all into the light of day.
The tender love God promised from our birth
is soon to dawn upon this shadowed earth,
To shine on those whose sorrows seem to never cease,
To guide our feet into the path of peace.
All glory be to God, Creator blest,
To Jesus Christ, God's love made manifest,
And to the Holy Spirit, gentle comforter,
All glory be both now and evermore.

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Intercessions

Leader: In a world where our god desires peace and not war and yet so many live in the shadow of and live with the consequences of war and conflict we ask our God to listen to our prayers.

Reader: We pray for those with power and authority in our world: - may their decisions result in peace-building and constructive conflict resolution.

All: Make us people of peace.

Reader: We pray for our countries: help us value our freedom, our democratic processes, the beauty of our land and our way of life.

All: Make us people of peace.

Reader: We pray for the victims of war especially child soldiers and women violated.
We pray for justice and deep healing.

All: Make us people of peace.

Reader: We pray for all Australian and New Zealand service men and women who have died: may they rest in peace with you.

All: Make us people of peace.

Reader: We pray for peace in our own hearts, in our families and communities: may we learn to resolve conflicts and be peacemakers in our daily lives.

All: Make us people of peace.

Leader: Loving God, hear our prayers as we strive to be people of peace.
Heal our world and heal the hearts of those who cannot love and come into right relationship. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace.

All: Amen.

Prayer

Let us Pray.
Lord our God, boundless provider,
source of peace that the world cannot give,
kindly hear our constant prayer
for those who bore witness to your own fidelity
by giving their lives for those they loved.
Resurrect them in our true homeland
and perfect that peace for which they longed and died.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Blessing

L: May God bless us in God's mercy and make us always aware of God's saving wisdom.

All: Amen

L: May God direct our steps toward God's own self and show us how to walk in charity and peace.

All: Amen



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