

Structure of Morning Prayer

INTRODUCTION

℣ Lord, open our lips.

℟ And we shall praise your name.

[Invitatory Psalm (Pss 94,99,66 or 23) with its antiphon.]

HYMN

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

A ‘morning psalm’

Antiphon repeated

Silent prayer

Antiphon 2

Old Testament canticle

Antiphon repeated

Silent prayer

Antiphon 3

A psalm of praise

Antiphon repeated

Silent prayer

SCRIPTURE READING

Silent prayer

SHORT RESPONSORY

GOSPEL CANTICLE: *Benedictus*

Benedictus antiphon

Canticle of Zechariah

Antiphon repeated

INTERCESSIONS

Invocations of praise

Silent prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

CONCLUDING PRAYER

BLESSING

Structure of Evening Prayer

INTRODUCTION

℣ O God, come to our aid.

℟ O Lord, make haste to help us.

HYMN

PSALMODY

Antiphon 1

A psalm

Antiphon repeated

Silent prayer

Antiphon 2

A psalm

Antiphon repeated

Silent prayer

Antiphon 3

New Testament canticle

Antiphon repeated

Silent prayer

SCRIPTURE READING

Silent prayer

SHORT RESPONSORY

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Magnificat antiphon

Canticle of Mary

Antiphon repeated

INTERCESSIONS

Prayers of intercession

Final prayer always

for the faithful departed

Silent prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

CONCLUDING PRAYER

BLESSING

Celebrating Morning & Evening Prayer

Guidelines & Structures

This leaflet offers an overview of the structure of Morning and Evening Prayer. On the outside of the leaflet is the normal pattern for Morning and Evening Prayer from the *Divine Office*. On the inside of the leaflet structures for when Morning or Evening Prayer is joined to a celebration of Mass. There is also information about how the Office is celebrated on Solemnities, Feasts and Memorias.

To accompany this leaflet there is also a template for a small card available. This contains the information from the outside of the leaflet and scaled to a size that would make fit into an Office book.

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Joining Mass to a Celebration of Morning or Evening Prayer

In special cases, if the circumstances require it, a liturgical Hour celebrated in public or in common may be joined more closely with Mass, provided that they are both of the same Office. Care should be taken to ensure that this is not pastorally harmful, especially on Sundays. GILH 93

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Introduction

Hymn

or

Entrance Procession & Song

Greeting

PSALMODY

[Penitential Rite - omitted]

Gloria - where required

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings etc.

Prayer of the Faithful (may be replaced by
Intercessions from the Office on Ferial day)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

COMMUNION RITE

Communion

Antiphon

Gospel Canticle

Antiphon repeated

Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITE

When Evening Prayer follows Mass

Prayer after Communion

[Introduction and Hymn omitted]

PSALMODY

[Reading omitted]

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Magnificat antiphon

Canticle of Mary

Antiphon repeated

[Intercessions & Lord's Prayer omitted]

CONCLUDING PRAYER

BLESSING

Celebrating Solemnities

INTRODUCTION

[Invitatory Psalm (Pss 94,99,66 or 23) with its
antiphon.] P¹

HYMN P

PSALMODY

Evening Prayer I P

Morning Prayer Sunday I²

Evening Prayer II P

SCRIPTURE READING P

Silent prayer

SHORT RESPONSORY P

GOSPEL CANTICLE:

Antiphon P

Canticle

Antiphon repeated

INTERCESSIONS P/C

The Lord's Prayer

CONCLUDING PRAYER P

BLESSING

Celebrating Feasts

At the Office of Readings, Lauds and Vespers, everything is the same as on a solemnity. (GILH 231)

P — Proper: specific texts for the celebration (e.g. The Ascension of the Lord).

C — Common: texts for the type of celebration (e.g. Apostle or Martyr).

F — Ferial: the ordinary day in the Office (e.g. Tuesday of Week II).

1 If the proper is not complete, the common is used for the parts that are lacking (GILH 226, 227)

2 In place of the Sunday psalms of the current week, the Sunday psalms of another week may be substituted if desired. (GILH 247)

Celebrating Memorials

There is no difference in the manner of arranging the Office between an obligatory memoria, and, if it is decided to celebrate it, an optional memoria, except when the optional memoria occurs during the privileged seasons. (GILH 234)

INTRODUCTION

[Invitatory Psalm (Pss 94,99,66 or 23) with its
antiphon.] P/C/F³

HYMN P/C/F

PSALMODY

Psalms and Antiphons F [P]

SCRIPTURE READING P/C/F

Silent prayer

SHORT RESPONSORY P/C/F

GOSPEL CANTICLE:

Antiphon P/C/F

Canticle

Antiphon repeated

INTERCESSIONS P/C/F

The Lord's Prayer

CONCLUDING PRAYER P

BLESSING

Memorias occurring during the privileged seasons

Memorias are not commemorated on Sundays, solemnities, feasts, Ash Wednesday, during Holy Week or the Octave of Easter.

Between 17–24 December, the octave of Christmas and in Lent obligatory memorias are not celebrated, Memorias that occur in Lent are considered optional.

Those who wish to celebrate the Office of a Saint whose memoria occurs during these seasons should add the antiphon (from proper or else from the Common) and Prayer after the Concluding Prayer. (GILH 237–239)

3 if texts are proper, they are to be taken from the Office of the saint. Otherwise they are taken either from the Common or from the current ferial day. (GILH 235b)