



Old Hills Malvern Morning Prayer and Fellowship

(for Use on Sunday or any other day)



Please do not take away from the church - thank you

We gather for worship

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*God our Father
Guide our thoughts,
Teach us to pray,
Lift our hearts to worship you today
In spirit and in truth
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,*

Amen

This Morning's Psalm

(Check the Weekly Bulletin/ Old Hills Malvern Headlines for the psalm—if you are with someone else, say each alternate verses)

Confession

Let us now in a moment of quiet bring ourselves to our Lord, calling to mind our sins; our failure to love God, to love each other and to love ourselves.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are
and direct what we shall be;
that we may justly, love mercy
and walk humbly with you, our God,**

Amen

Ask for forgiveness

May God wash away our/my selfishness and our/my sin.
May God fill our/my hearts with His peace,
And our/my lives with his praise.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Amen

Lighting of the Prayer Candle

(light a prayer candle here - a tea light will do!)

As we wait in eager longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us pray that we live in the continued light of our Lord.

Jesus said "I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness."

Lighting a candle is a prayer: When we have gone, it stays alight, kindling in the hearts and minds of others the prayers we have already offered for them and for others, for the sad, the sick, the suffering - and prayers of thankfulness too.

Lighting a candle is a parable: Burning itself out, it gives light to others. Christ gave Himself for others. He calls us to give ourselves.

Lighting a candle is a symbol: Of love and hope, of light and warmth Our world needs them all. Christ shows us how to live so that we shine as lights in the world. AMEN

(with thanks to Margaret Tumney – sourced from Gloucester Cathedral)

Collect/Special Prayer for today

(See the weekly bulletin, Old Hills Malvern Headlines for this)

Bible Reading for today

(Again, check the weekly bulletin, Old Hills Malvern Headlines, for the readings for **this week**)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Thinking about the scripture you have just read.....

What does this reading say to us?

How does this affect our faith?

How does it inspire us or worry us?

Hold a moment of stillness before you pray....

Intercessional Prayer

In a moment of stillness and quiet, we ask our Lord to guide our faith, teach us to pray and to remember others as well as ourselves. As we/you, in God's name, pray for the needs of His world

Pray how you are being called to pray.....

Response:

**Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer**

At the end:

**Merciful Lord
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Lord taught us, so we pray

**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 our sins
as we forgive those that sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, power and the glory are yours
Now and forever,**

Amen



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