The Collects

The Collect of the Day

The Collect of the Day may be used as provided in the Book of Common Prayer, online at lectionarypage.net or by St. Peter's Church.

One of the following is added in place of or in addition to the Collect of the Day.

In the morning

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Evening

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen*.

Conclusion

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant may then conclude with the following

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

2 Corinthians 13:14

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Devotions for Families and Individuals while on Vacation

This liturgy is adapted from the Daily Office and may be used in the morning or evening by choosing the options matching the time of day.

Psalms, Scripture, and prayers may be replaced with those from the Prayer Book lectionary or published rota provided by St. Peter's Church.

We recommend taking time for personal reflection or a shared discussion on the passage of Scripture, using the provided guidelines if needed.

Opening

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

Psalmody

The psalm appointed for the day in the Weekly Lectionary, at lectionarypage.net, or by St. Peter's Church, may be used, or one of the following based on the time of day.

From Psalm 51 in the morning

Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

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.

O Gracious Light (Phos Hilaron) in the evening

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

A Reading

Read the Gospel passage provided in the Weekly Lectionary of the Book of Common Prayer, online at lectionarypage.net or by St. Peter's Church.

One of the following may be read instead if the list of readings is not available.

In the morning

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *I Peter 1:3*

In the evening

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

A period of silence may follow.

Private reflection or group sharing can take place, using the suggested format provided in the accompanying brochure.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others. The acronym ACTS may be a helpful guide.

A – Adoration, which are words of praise to God

C – Confession for things done and undone and of anything that makes you feel less than whole.

T – Thanksgivings for things for which you are grateful.

S-Supplication, which is prayer for your needs and those of others.

The Lord's Prayer