

# Morning Praise



**The Churches of Orsett, Bulphan and  
Horndon on the Hill**

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# Welcome to the Churches of Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon on the Hill

*Thank you for joining us!*

*If this is your first time at one of our churches, it's great to have you with us. Do make yourself known to the minister or to one of those greeting at the door.*

*Morning Praise is an informal act of worship. Please join in with the responses in bold, the prayers, hymns and songs as you feel comfortable.*

*The church is fitted with an induction loop system; those with hearing aids should use the 'T' setting.*

*We hope you enjoy the service.*



*If you would like to know more about the Christian faith or the life of our church community, please speak to Revd Sue or Revd Max. Or you can phone 01375 891254, visit us at [www.hobnob.org.uk](http://www.hobnob.org.uk), or find us on Facebook or Twitter: @HOBNOBChurches*

## **WELCOME**

## **GREETING**

*We stand.*

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Lord speak to us

**that we may hear your word.**

Move among us

**that we may behold your glory.**

Receive our prayers

**that we may learn to trust you.**

**Amen.**

## **HYMN/S or SONG/S**

*We remain standing.*

*FOLLOWING THE SINGING, WE SIT AND YOUNG PEOPLE MAY GO INTO THEIR OWN GROUP, AFTER A PRAYER.*

## **CONFESSION**

*We sit or kneel and spend a few moments bringing to mind anything for which we need to ask God's forgiveness.*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring *us* his pardon and his peace, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **COLLECT**

*The prayer for the day is said.*

### **PSALM**

*The following words, or another psalm, may be said.*

O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.  
**O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
he delivered me from all my fears.  
**O magnify the Lord with me.**

In my weakness I cried to the Lord;  
he heard me and saved me from my troubles.  
**Let us exalt his name together.**  
*cf Psalm 34.*

*To conclude any psalm, the following words may be used.*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
**As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever.**  
**Amen.**

## **HYMN or SONG**

*We stand.*

## **READING/S**

*We sit.*

*After each reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **TALK**

*We sit.*

## **HYMN or SONG**

*We stand.*

## **CREED**

*We remain standing to declare our belief in God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of  
God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith; we believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

*We may sit or kneel as we pray for others.*

*One of the following responses, or an alternative, may be used.*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*We stand, and the Peace is introduced with a suitable sentence, followed by,*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We may exchange a sign of peace, by shaking hands with one another, or by using sign language, and saying 'Peace be with you.'*

*DURING THE PEACE, YOUNG PEOPLE MAY RETURN.*

## **HYMN or SONG**

*We stand and, during the hymn or song, a collection will be taken for the work of the Church.*

*After the hymn or song, the collection is received and a prayer said.*

*WE MAY INVITE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHARE WHAT THEY HAVE DONE.*

*We sit.*

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

*We stand.*

**Eternal God, our beginning and our end,  
accompany us in this day's journey.**

**Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to  
see the work you set before us today.**

**Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our  
Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*We sing together, twice,*

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.  
May he bring you home rejoicing, once again into our doors.

*And then the minister will say,*

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among *you*, and remain with *you* and those *you* love, now and always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**



*Please stay after the service  
for fellowship and refreshments.*

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