**Service of Morning Prayer with Hymns**

*while a cleric is on Mini-Sabbatical/Sabbath Leave*

*At the end of this service outline are notes about music and canticles suggested for use.*

***Hymn***

***The Versicles***

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips;

***All:* And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant:* O God, make speed to save us;

***All:* O Lord, make haste to help us.**

***All:*** **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Officiant:* The Lord is our refuge and strength:

***All:*****O come, let us worship.**

***The Venite (Psalm 95: 1-7) or the Jubilate (Psalm 100)***

*or another suitable canticle may be used at this time.*

*Officiant:* The Lord is our refuge and strength:

***All:*****O come, let us worship.**

***Psalm 8: 5-6***

What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
   mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
   and crowned them with glory and honour.

***Proclamation of the Word***

*Reader:* A reading from the book of Genesis.  *Genesis 1:26 - 2:3*

Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***All:*****Thanks be to God.**

***Canticle***

*Reader:*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. *Phil.4:4-9*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

***All*****Thanks be to God.**

***Canticle or Hymn***

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** *Mark 6:30-46*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.’ But he answered them, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They said to him, ‘Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?’ And he said to them, ‘How many loaves have you? Go and see.’ When they had found out, they said, ‘Five, and two fish.’ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand.

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

***All:*****Thanks be to God.**

***Homily***

*We observe a moment of silence.*

***The Apostle’s Creed***

*Officiant:* I believe in God,

***All:*****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.**

***The Prayers of the People***

*Leader:* Gracious God, we give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy throughout our lives and we bring our prayers of thanksgiving to you as we say, “May your loving Spirit recreate us”.

With thanksgiving for the world, whose splendour of beauty we discover anew, and in whose abundance we delight. Let us pray,

***All:*** **May your loving Spirit recreate us.**

*Leader:* We give thanks for all we have been given to sustain us with our daily needs. We are grateful for agencies and individuals who provide food, shelter, and safety to those in need. We pray we may be ready to answer the call to participate in efforts to help those who suffer. Let us pray,

***All:*** **May your loving Spirit recreate us.**

*Leader:* We give thanks for the blessings of rest and refreshment; we pray especially at this time for our priest/deacon [NN], who is on a time of Sabbath. May it be for [NN] an opportunity for renewal and restoration of mind, body and spirit, so that [s/he/they] may return to us refreshed for gospel ministry in our congregation and in the wider community. So too may we be inspired to reinvigorate our common ministry together as Christ’s Church in the world. Let us pray,

***All:*** **May your loving Spirit recreate us.**

*Leader:* We pray for the leaders of the nations; for Elizabeth our Queen and those who serve our country in Parliament; may they all be deeply aware of their responsibilities of compassion and mercy in their service to others. Let us pray,

***All:*** **May your loving Spirit recreate us.**

*Leader:* For Linda, Primate of Canada, for Anne, Metropolitan of Ontario, and for Andrew, Riscylla and Kevin, Bishops of our diocese; Let us pray,

***All:*** **May your loving Spirit recreate us.**

*Officiant:* In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for [NN], and in our own Diocese we pray for [NN].

(*Other cycles of prayer can be inserted as is the custom of the parish.)*

Let us pray,

***All:* May your loving Spirit recreate us.**

*Leader:* We remember those who are sick or in any other need, ..., and for those who care for them; and we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of those who have died. Let us pray,

***All:*** **May your loving Spirit recreate us.**

*(Other intercessions may be added as is the custom of the parish.)*

*Leader:* Gracious God, may we feel the cleansing and renewing winds of your Spirit. Together through faith, we find our way, having Christ-like love to challenge, to guide and to inspire, now and always.

***All:*** **Amen.**

***The Collect of the Day***

*Officiant:* *Please refer to the McCausland’s Order of Divine Service or in the Propers of the Church Year in the Book of Alternative Services (starting on page 261).*

***All:*****Amen.**

***The Collect for a Sabbath Leave / Mini-Sabbatical***

*Officiant:* Loving God of creation, the seventh day was made for our rest. Grant that we may appreciate and enjoy the blessings of sabbath, and may continue to be refreshed by your abiding covenant love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

***All:*****Amen.**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

*Officiant:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

***All:*** **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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

***All:*** **Thanks be to God.**

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

***All:*** **Amen.**

***Hymn***

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*Hymn suggestions*

*CP 428 – God Who Gives to Life its Goodness (Tune: Abbot’s Leigh)*

*CP 415/416 – All Things Bright and Beautiful (Tunes: either All Things Bright or Royal Oak)*

*CP 500 – Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant (Tune: Servant Song)*

*CP 453 – Living Lord of Love’s Dominion (Tune: Pleading Saviour)*

*CP 584 – The Church of Christ in Every Age (Tune: Herongate)*

*Venite – Of course, this could be said or a choral version could be chosen (if this is usual in the parish). Metrical versions are also available in Common Praise.*

*CP 748 – multiple tunes available*

*Jubilate – Please see the note above on the Venite.*

*CP 749*

*Canticles*

*Book of Alternative Services pages 75-95. Any of these canticles can be chosen. Some are more ‘seasonally appropriate’ than others. However, the following have some thematic relevance to this service:*

*6 – Seek the Lord (Isaiah 55: 6-11*

*14-16 – A Song of Creation (from the Song of the Three)*

*CP 754 provides for a musical version of Canticle 15.*

*17 – The Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3-12). CP 755 could also be used here.*