

**Cooma Anglican Rural Ministry Open Day Morning Prayer
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Through Christ let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Hebrews 13.15

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. 1 Peter 1.3

Open our lips, O Lord,
and we shall declare your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Friends in Christ, we come together to meet with God, and to take our part in the building up of his Church We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise, hear from God's holy word, and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

Today, we will hear from God's word, pray for our world and God's church and worship God's almighty name.

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

God now commands all people everywhere to repent, for he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed, Jesus Christ the Lord. Acts 17.30-31

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1.8-9

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,

God of all mercy, we humbly admit that we need your help. We have wandered from your way. We have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us, wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit that we may live the new life to your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the perfect offering for our sins. 1 John 4.10

8 All stand. The minister says

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His steadfast love endures for ever!

The minister greets the people, who may greet one another.

Grace and peace be with you
and also with you.

9 Words of praise and thanksgiving follow.

Come, let us sing to the Lord,

Shout to the rock of our salvation.

Serve the Lord with gladness,

come before his face with songs of joy.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

10 The minister offers this prayer, in preparation for the reading and teaching of the Scriptures.

Heavenly Father, give us wisdom and understanding. As we listen to your Word, may we know you better, love you more, and learn to please you in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The first Reading, from the Old Testament.

Genesis 13

¹ So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. ² Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

³ From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier ⁴ and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD.

⁵ Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. ⁶ But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. ⁷ And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

⁸ So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. ⁹ Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

¹⁰ Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) ¹¹ So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: ¹² Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. ¹³ Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD.

¹⁴ The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. ¹⁵ All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. ¹⁶ I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring

could be counted. ¹⁷ Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.”

¹⁸ So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the LORD.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

11 The Psalm(s) of the day are said here.

Psalms 132:13 - 134:3

^{132.13} For the LORD has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling, saying,

¹⁴ **“This is my resting place for ever and ever; here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it.**

¹⁵ I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor I will satisfy with food.

¹⁶ **I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her faithful people will ever sing for joy.**

¹⁷ **“Here I will make a horn grow for David and set up a lamp for my anointed one.**

¹⁸ **I will clothe his enemies with shame, but his head will be adorned with a radiant crown.”**

^{133.1} How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!

² **It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down on the collar of his robe.**

³ It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

^{134.1} **Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD who minister by night in the house of the LORD.**

² Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.

³ **May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

13 Readings from the New Testament.

Galatians 3:15-20

¹⁵ Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. ¹⁶ The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ. ¹⁷ What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

¹⁹ Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator. ²⁰ A mediator, however, implies more than one party; but God is one.

**Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.**

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.””

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

This is gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

15 The Sermon - Genesis 13 - Making Decisions.

17 The Apostles' Creed is said.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come 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 MINISTRY OF PRAYER

18 The minister says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

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 for ever. Amen.

19 The minister continues

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,

let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,

and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth,

your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth,

that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.

Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord

for we put our trust in you.

20 The Collect of the Day

O God

You have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love towards you, that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

21 The minister continues

Let your requests be made known unto God

In everything give thanks.

Prayers and thanksgivings may be offered

After each prayer the following response will be used.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

23 The prayers conclude with the following.

Faithful God,

you have promised to hear the prayers of all who ask in Jesus' name. In your mercy, accept our prayers.

Give us what we have asked in faith, according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Eternal God and Father,

by whose power we are created, and by whose love we are redeemed: Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

28 The minister says the following

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

27 The minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.