

Morning Prayer

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

This or another prayer of thanksgiving is said:

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You founded the earth in the beginning
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
and in these last days you have spoken to us
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
your Spirit ever renew our lives
and your praises ever be on our lips.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

All 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.

Canticle

A Song of the Covenant (31), or another suitable canticle, is said

Refrain:

All I have given you as a light to the nations,
and I have called you in righteousness.

- 1 Thus says God, who created the heavens,
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;
- 2 Who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it,
- 3 'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
- 4 'I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
- 5 'To bring out the captives from the dungeon,
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.
- 6 'I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other.'

Isaiah 42.5-8a

All 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.

All All the earth, shout and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

All Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

All I have called you by name; you are mine.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

from Isaiah 43

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,

Refrain:

All In your tender compassion, O God,

The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

- 1** Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2** He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

All 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.

All In your tender compassion, O God,
The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

This, or another suitable Collect, is said

Almighty and everlasting God,

you are always more ready to hear than we to pray

and to give more than either we desire or deserve:

pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,

forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid

and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask

but through the merits and mediation

of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven ...

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,

And keep us in eternal life,

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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