

Morning Prayer

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise
You laid the foundation of the earth
And the heavens are the work of your hands

A Song of God's Blessing

God be gracious to us and bless us ♦
and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth, ♦
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦
let all the peoples praise you.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦
let all the peoples praise you.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, ♦
and God, our own God, will bless us.
God will bless us, ♦
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 67

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.

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. Amen.

The Psalm

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with
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.

A Song of the Covenant

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

Isaiah 42.5-8a

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.
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Scripture Reading(s)/ Lectio Divina

Gospel Canticle

(The Song of Zechariah) Luke 1.68-79

You promised, O God, to save us from our
enemies, from the hands of all that hate us.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, •
who has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, •
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old •
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors, •
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: •
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
**Free to worship him without fear, •
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most
High, •

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation •
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God •

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, •**

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

You promised, O God, to save us from our
enemies, from the hands of all that hate us.

A time of open prayer followed by...

The Collect of the day

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**