

Common Worship Morning Prayer (August/September 2020)

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 Compassion

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, ♦
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us, ♦
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins, ♦
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, ♦
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, ♦
so far has he set our sins from us.
As a father has compassion on his children, ♦
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

For he knows of what we are made; ♦
he remembers that we are but dust.
Our days are but as grass; ♦
we flourish as a flower of the field;
For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone, ♦
and its place shall know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of
old and endures for ever on those who fear him, ♦
and his righteousness on children's children;
On those who keep his covenant ♦
and remember his commandments to do them.

Psalm 103.8-18

**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 Deliverance

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

'Behold, God is my salvation; ♦
I will trust and will not be afraid;
'For the Lord God is my strength and my song, ♦
and has become my salvation.'
With joy you will draw water ♦
from the wells of salvation.
On that day you will say, ♦
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations, ♦
proclaim that his name is exalted.
'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed
gloriously; ♦ let this be known in all the world.
'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion, ♦
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'
**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.**
I have given you as a light to the nations,
and I have called you in righteousness.

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

Scripture Reading(s)/ Lectio Divina

Gospel Canticle

(The Song of Zechariah) Luke 1.68-79

**You have set us free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous in your sight.**

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 have set us free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous in your sight.**

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,

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.**