

## **Morning Prayer**

O Lord, open our lips

**All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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.**

**Psalm**

*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.**

**Scripture Reading**

*One or more readings appointed for the day are read.*

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

- 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.**

**Intercessions are offered**  
**¶ for the day and its tasks**  
**¶ for the world and its needs**  
**¶ for the Church and her life**

**These responses may be used**  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

**(or)**

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

**The Collect of the day or the following is said**

**All** **Almighty and everlasting God,**  
**we thank you that you have brought us safely to the**  
**beginning of this day.**  
**Keep us from falling into sin**  
**or running into danger,**  
**order us in all our doings**  
**and guide us to do always**  
**what is righteous in your sight;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer is said**

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**  
**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 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.**