

## MORNING PRAYER

*Matins*

### Opening

*The assembly stands.*

*Using one of the following forms, the leader begins the dialogue, and the assembly responds, concluding with a doxology.*

O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Psalmody

*The psalmody begins with a morning psalm of praise: Psalm 95:1-7a (the Venite), Psalm 63:1-8, Psalm 67, Psalm 100, or another appropriate psalm.*

*The psalm may be preceded and followed by a general or seasonal invitatory. When the invitatory is sung, the following or a similar tone may be used, the assembly echoing the leader.*

Give glory to God, our light and our life.  
**Oh, come, let us worship and praise.**

*Refrain*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;**  
**let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

- 1 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**  
**and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**  
**For you, Lord, are a great God,**  
**and a great ruler above all gods. *Refrain***
- 2 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**  
**the heights of the hills are also yours.**  
**The sea is yours, for you made it;**  
**and your hands have molded the dry land. *Refrain***

- 3 **Come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.  
For the Lord is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep of God's hand. Refrain**

Give glory to God, our light and our life.  
**Oh, come, let us worship and praise.**

*The psalmody may continue with one or more additional psalms. Each is followed by a time of silence, which may be concluded by a psalm prayer; the assembly responds **Amen.***

## **Word**

### **READINGS**

*The service includes one or more scripture readings. After the conclusion of each reading, the assembly may respond **Thanks be to God.***

*The reading of scripture is followed by silence for reflection. Other forms of reflection may also follow, such as brief commentary, teaching, or personal witness; non-biblical readings; interpretation through music or other art forms; or guided conversation among those present.*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors  
in many and various ways by the prophets,  
**but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

### **GOSPEL CANTICLE**

*Refrain*

**In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

- 1 **Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel  
you have come to your people and set them free.**
- 2 **You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your servant David. Refrain**

- 3 **Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us  
from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us,**
- 4 **to show mercy to our forebears,  
and to remember your holy covenant.**
- 5 **This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**
- 6 **free to worship you without fear,  
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. *Refrain***
- 7 **And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to pre-prepare the way,**
- 8 **to give God's people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of 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. *Refrain***

## **Prayers**

*The assembly kneels or stands. The following or another form of the prayers may be used.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.*

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn,  
bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you--

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

*Other thanksgivings may be added.*

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray--

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

*Other intercessions may be added.*

*One or more of the following prayers and other appropriate prayers may be used.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day.

Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*or*

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*or*

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

**Amen.**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.  
**Amen.**