

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*One or more of the following is said or sung:
[a prayer of thanksgiving \(page 109\)](#),
a suitable hymn,
*or A Song of God's Blessing**

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us ♦
and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 That your way may be known upon earth, ♦
your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, ♦
and God, our own God, will bless us.
- 7 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.**

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.

Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

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.**

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

Canticle

A Song of the Covenant, or another suitable canticle, may be said

Refrain:

**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

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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.**

OT Scripture Reading

The reading 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.

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.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

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,
or Gloria in Excelsis (A Song of God's Glory) (page 635) may be said*

Refrain:

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

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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from the hands of all who hate us.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ for the day and its tasks

¶ for the world and its needs

¶ for the Church and her life

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 362–363](#)

¶ Local government, community leaders

¶ All who provide local services

¶ Those who work with young or elderly people

¶ Schools, colleges and universities

¶ Emergency and rescue organizations

One of the forms of prayer found [on pages 362–371](#) may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said or the following

O God, the author of peace
and lover of concord,
to know you is eternal life,
to serve you is perfect freedom.
Defend us your servants
from all assaults of our enemies;
that we surely trusting in your defence,
may not fear the power of any adversaries
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

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 Conclusion

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.