

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day or the following is said:

Most merciful God,
who by the death
and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him
who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said:

Standing at the foot of the cross,
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

May God our Redeemer show us compassion
and love.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer in Passiontide

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

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving power among the nations.

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

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.**

Canticle

**I will recount
the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praises of the Most High.**

Who is this that comes from Edom, •
coming from Bozrah,
his garments stained crimson?

Who is this in glorious apparel, •
marching in the greatness of his strength?

'It is I,
who announce that right has won the day, •
it is I,' says the Lord, 'for I am mighty to save.'

Why are your robes all red, O Lord, •
and your garments like theirs who tread the
winepress?

'I have trodden the winepress alone, •
and from the peoples no one was with me.'

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, •
the praises of the Most High;

All that God has done for us in his mercy, •
by his many acts of love.

For God said, 'Surely, they are my people,
my children who will not deal falsely,' •
and he became their Saviour in all their
distress.

So God redeemed them by his love and pity; •
he lifted them up and carried them
through all the days of old.

Isaiah 63.1-3a,7-9

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New Testament Reading

*The reading may be followed by silence
and a reflection*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

**by your holy cross,
you have redeemed the world.**

God chose what is weak in the world to shame
the strong.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified,
the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**By your holy cross,
you have redeemed the world.**

God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

**by your holy cross,
you have redeemed the world.**

cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6

Gospel Cantic

The Benedictus

**The word of the cross is folly
to those who are perishing,
but to those who are being saved
it is the power of God.**

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.

Luke 1.68-79

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