

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:

Eternal God and Father,
you create and redeem us by the power of
your love:
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves in love and service
to one another and to you;
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.

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Morning Prayer in Ordinary Time

O Lord, open our lips
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.
Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Each psalm or group of psalms ends 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

**Spirit of God, teach us your ways,
that we may walk in the paths of peace.**

Come, let us go up to the mountain of God, •
to the house of the God of Jacob;

That God may teach us his ways, •
and that we may walk in his paths.

For the law shall go out from Zion, •
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

God shall judge between the nations, •
and shall mediate for many peoples.



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They shall beat their swords into
ploughshares, •
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, •
neither shall they learn war any more.

O people of Jacob, come: •
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 2.3-5

**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.**

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that we may walk in the paths of peace.**

New Testament Reading

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

Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.
**Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.**
Lead me in the path of your commandments
that I may see the wonders of your law.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**Open my eyes, O Lord
that I may see the wonders of your law.**

from Psalm 119

Gospel Cantic

The Benedictus

**In your tender compassion, O God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon
us.**

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

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