

## *Morning Prayer - a simple form*

### **Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips

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

### **A Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
creator and redeemer of all;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the waters of chaos you drew forth  
the world and in your great love  
fashioned us in your image.  
Now, through the deep waters of death,  
you have brought your people to new  
birth by raising your Son to life in  
triumph. May Christ your light ever dawn  
in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of  
thanks and praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit:

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

**The appointed psalm is said.**

*At the end:*

**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(s)**

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### **Sermon/Reflection**

*Followed by a time of silence or music.*

### **Gospel Canticle (The Benedictus - Song of Zechariah)**

- 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 forever.  
Amen.

### **Prayers**

*These or other responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect of the day is said*

*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.**

### **Blessing or Grace**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Let us Bless the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**