

Morning Prayer

O Lord, open our lips
and our 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 shall be for ever. Amen.**

A hymn or song

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

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.

The Psalm

The Old Testament Reading

The New Testament Reading

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said or sung

**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.**

Prayers and Thanksgivings

The Collect (Prayer of the day)

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.

All **Amen.**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father ...**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**