

Morning Prayer

Passiontide

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

All your saving power among the nations.

The following is said:

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief
your only Son was lifted up

that he might draw the whole world to himself.

May we walk this day in the way of the cross
and always be ready to share its weight,

declaring your love for all the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

a suitable hymn, or A Song of Lamentation

- 1 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? ♦
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
- 2 Which was brought upon me, ♦
which the Lord inflicted
on the day of his fierce anger.
- 3 For these things I weep;
my eyes flow with tears; ♦
for a comforter is far from me,
one to revive my courage.
- 4 Remember my affliction and my bitterness, ♦
the wormwood and the gall!

- 5 But this I call to mind, ♦
and therefore I have hope:
- 6 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, ♦
his mercies never come to an end;
- 7 They are new every morning; ♦
great is your faithfulness.
- 8 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, ♦
'therefore I will hope in him.'
- 9 The Lord is good to those who wait for him, ♦
to the soul that seeks him.
- 10 It is good that we should wait quietly ♦
for the salvation of the Lord.
- 11 For the Lord will not reject for ever; ♦
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,
- 12 According to the abundance of his steadfast love; ♦
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 1.12,16a,b; 3.19,21-26,31-33

**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.**

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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

The appointed psalm is said.

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.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

Canticle

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

- 1 Who is this that comes from Edom, ♦
coming from Bozrah, his garments stained crimson?
- 2 Who is this in glorious apparel, ♦
marching in the greatness of his strength?
- 3 'It is I, who announce that right has won the day, ♦
it is I,' says the Lord, 'for I am mighty to save.'
- 4 Why are your robes all red, O Lord, ♦
and your garments like theirs who tread the winepress?
- 5 'I have trodden the winepress alone, ♦
and from the peoples no one was with me.'
- 6 I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, ♦
the praises of the Most High;
- 7 All that God has done for us in his mercy, ♦
by his many acts of love.
- 8 For God said, 'Surely, they are my people,
my children who will not deal falsely,' ♦
and he became their Saviour in all their distress.
- 9 So God redeemed them by his love and pity; ♦
he lifted them up and carried them
through all the days of old.

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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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the praises of the Most High.

Scripture Reading

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

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

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

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

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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

God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All 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 Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said,

All 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.

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

***All* Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
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Prayers

Intercessions are offered

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 or one of the following is said
(from the Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

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.

All Amen.

(or, from Palm Sunday)

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Standing at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven ...

The Conclusion

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.