

Preparation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your faithful servants bless you.

All They make known the glory of your kingdom.

Hymn

O Jesu, Saviour of us all,
In whom the saints their glory find,
On this commemoration day
Hear thou thy people as they pray

Contending for thy holy name,
Thy servants won their saintly fame,
Which Christian hearts with praise recall,
And bless the Lord and god of all.

To thee, O Christ, most loving King,
All glory, praise and thanks we bring,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

This opening prayer is 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 forever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalm(s) are said or chanted.

Each psalm ends with:

**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 forever.
Amen.**

First Reading

Canticle

Refrain:

**All I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.**

1 'I am the Lord, your Holy One, ♦
the Creator of Israel, your King.'

2 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, ♦
a path in the mighty waters,

3 'Remember not the former things, ♦
nor consider the things of old.

4 'Behold, I am doing a new thing; ♦
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

5 'I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, ♦
to give drink to my chosen people,

6 'The people whom I formed for myself, ♦
that they might declare my praise.'

Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21

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

**All I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.**

Second Reading

Silence may be kept.

Responsory

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord,

All my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.

The heavens bear witness to your wonders;

All I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

from Psalm 89



Refrain:

**All You will guide us with your counsel, O God,
and afterwards receive us with glory**

- 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;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever.
Amen.

All **You will guide us with your counsel, O God,**
and afterwards receive us with glory

Prayers

Rejoicing in our fellowship with *N* and all the saints,
we make our prayer to our gracious God.

For your grace revealed in *N*, and for all that inspires us from *her/his* life
Lord, hear us

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For *her/his* insight into the mystery of Christ
and for every way in which *her/his* faith continues to speak today
Lord, hear us

All **Lord, graciously hear us**

That following *her/his* good example,
we may hear afresh your call to holiness of life
Lord, hear us

All Lord, graciously hear us.

That we may receive grace to grow into the likeness of Christ
Lord, hear us,

All Lord, graciously hear us.

That we may persevere in prayer
and seek new light and truth from your word
Lord, hear us,

All Lord, graciously hear us.

That we may draw other people to the fire of your love
Lord, hear us,

All Lord, graciously hear us.

That we may be faithful to Christ even to death
Lord, hear us,

All Lord, graciously hear us.

In communion with *N* and all the saints,
let us commend the world to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect

The Collect of the day or the following is said

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
give us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.

The Conclusion

May Christ who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
Bring us to reign with him in glory.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**