

A prayer before the Office may be said.

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.**

Hymn

O God, creation's secret force,
Yourself unmoved, all motion's source,
Who from the morn till evening ray
Through all its changes guides the day:

Grant us, when this short life is past,
The glorious evening that shall last;
That, by a holy death attained,
Eternal glory may be gained.

Almighty Father, hear our cry
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord Most high,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forever more.

Text: St. Ambrose of Milan (340-397); st. 1-2, tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt;
st. 3, tr. James Waring McCrady (1938-) ©.

Music: Sarum plainsong, Mode 4;

LM
CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

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 have given you as a light to the nations,
and I have called you in righteousness.

- 1 Thus says God, who created the heavens, ♦
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;
- 2 Who gives breath to the people upon it ♦
and spirit to those who walk in it,
- 3 'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness, ♦
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
- 4 'I have given you as a covenant to the people, ♦
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
- 5 'To bring out the captives from the dungeon, ♦
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.
- 6 'I am the Lord, that is my name; ♦
my glory I give to no other.'

Isaiah 42.5-8a

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 I have given you as a light to the nations,
and I have called you in righteousness

Second Reading

Silence may be kept.

Responsory

Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

All Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

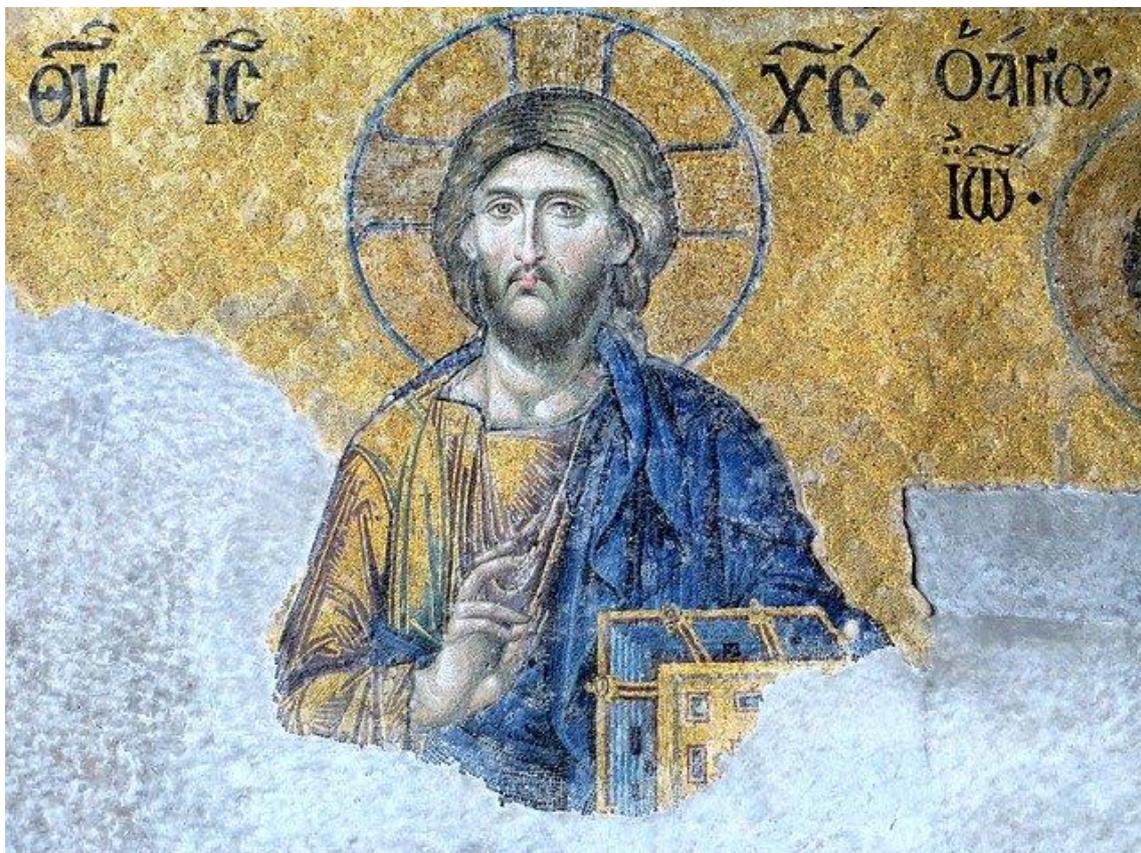
I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.

All I have called you by name; you are mine.

from Isaiah 43



Mosaic found inside Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

Refrain:

**All You promised, O God, to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us.**

- 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 promised, O God, to save us from our enemies,**
from the hands of all that hate us.

Prayers

That this day may be holy, good and joyful:

All **we pray to you, O Lord.**

That we may offer to you our worship and our work:

All **we pray to you, O Lord.**

That we may strive for the well-being of all creation:

All **we pray to you, O Lord.**

That in the pleasures and pains of life,
we may know the love of Christ and be thankful:

All **we pray to you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit,
in communion with *N* and with all your saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered.

Silence is kept.

The Collect

The Collect of the day or the following is said

O God, the author of peace
and lover of concord,
to know you is eternal life,
to serve you is perfect freedom.
Defend us your servants
from all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in your defence,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.**

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