

MATINS

The Alleluia shall be omitted in Lent.

STAND

M O Lord, open my lips.

C And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M Hasten to save me, O God.

C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

(Alleluia.)

THE INVITATORY

A special, seasonal invitatory may be used.

M O come, let us worship the Lord.

C For he is our Maker.

VENITE EXULTEMUS (PSALM 95)

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN

PSALM

One or more psalms may be sung or said. At the end of each psalm the congregation shall sing or say the Gloria Patri.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

BE SEATED

LESSON

One or more scripture lessons shall then be read. After each lesson shall be sung or said the response.

M O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

After the Lesson a RESPONSORY or a HYMN may be sung.

A SERMON may then follow.

STAND

THE CANTICLE

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

**We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.
All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting.
To you all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To you cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise you.
The excellent fellowship of the prophets praise you.
The noble army of martyrs praise you.
The holy church throughout all the world acknowledges you:
the Father of an infinite majesty,
your adorable, true and only Son,
also the Holy Spirit the Comforter.
You are the King of Glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.
When you took upon yourself to deliver man,
you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin.
When you overcame the sharpness of death,
you opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that you will come to be our judge.
We therefore pray, help your servants,
whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with your saints
in glory everlasting.**

The following verses may also be sung or said:

O Lord, save your people, and bless your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify you,
and we worship your name, now and forever.
Preserve us, O Lord, this day, and keep us without sin.
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us.
O Lord, let your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in you.
O Lord, in you have I trusted, let me never be put to shame.

OR

BENEDICTUS

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

M Lord, have mercy on us.

C Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

LORD'S PRAYER

A 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
forever. Amen.

or 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, and the
power, and the glory, for
ever and ever. Amen.

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Let us pray.

Then shall be said the PRAYER OF THE DAY. The prayer ends:

...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Other Prayers may then be said, and after them this PRAYER FOR GRACE.

M My mouth is filled with your praise,

C and with your glory all the day. (*Psalm 71:8*)

M Lord God, almighty Father, eternal God, you have brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us today with your saving power so that we neither fall into sin nor run into any danger, but in everything we do, subject our words and direct our thoughts to what is right in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

M Let us praise the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

M The grace of the Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

C Amen.



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