

The Order of Early Service, or Matins

¶ *A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost or another Hymn may be sung.*

¶ *Then shall be chanted or said the **Versicles** here following, all standing to the end of the **Venite**.*

Minister. O Lord, open Thou my lips.

Congregation. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister. Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Congregation. Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

¶ *During the Passion season the **Hallelujah** shall be omitted.*

¶ *Then shall follow the **Invitatory** with the **Venite**. On Festival Days a special **Invitatory** may be used.*

Minister.. O come, let us worship the Lord.

Congregation. For He is our Maker.

Venite Exultemus

Psalm 95, 1-7

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

O 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 Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Hymn

¶ *Then Hymn shall then be sung.*

The Psalm

¶ *Then, all standing to the end of the **Psalm**, shall be chanted or said one or more **Psalms**. At the end of the **Psalm** the **Gloria Patri** shall be chanted. An **Antiphon** may be used with each **Psalm**.*

The Lesson

¶ *The **Scripture Lessons** shall then be read. After each **Lesson** may be chanted or said:*

Minister. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation. Thanks be to God.

¶ *After the **Lessons** a **Responsory** may be chanted.*

¶ *A brief **Exhortation** or **Sermon** may then follow.*

The Canticle

*The Congregation shall stand and chant the **Te Deum Laudamus** or the **Benedictus**. An **Antiphon** may be chanted with the **Benedictus**.*

Te Deum Laudamus

We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the heavens, and all the powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of Thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thine adorable, true: and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants: whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage.

**Govern them: and lift them up for ever.
Day by day: we magnify Thee;
And we worship Thy Name: ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us: as our trust is in Thee.
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.**

Or the

Benedictus

Luke 1, 68-79

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for He hath visited and redeemed His people;
And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us: in the house of His servant David;
As He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets: which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our fathers: and to remember His holy covenant;
The oath which He sware to our father Abraham: that He would grant unto us;
That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve Him without fear.
In holiness and righteousness before Him: all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face
of the Lord to prepare His ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto His people: by the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the Dayspring from on high hath visited
us;
To give light to them that 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 Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Prayer

¶ *Then shall be said the Prayers here following, or the Suffrages, the Litany, or other prayers.*

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Congregation. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed by 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.

- ¶ *One or more Collects may be uses, with the Salutation which may be preceded by a **Versicle**.*
- ¶ *After each **Collect** the **Congregation** shall chant or say:*

Amen.

- ¶ *Then may be chanted or said the **Benedicamus** with the **Salutation**.*

Minister. The Lord be with you.
Congregation. And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus.

Minister. Bless we the Lord.
Congregation. Thanks be to God!

- ¶ *The service may end with the **Benedicamus** or a closing hymn may be sung; after which may be said:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

- ¶ *At the close of the service silent prayer should be offered.*

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