

# Morning Prayer in 'Ordinary Time'

## *The Preparation*

O Lord, open our lips

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts  
**and triumph over the shades of night.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms.

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

Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God;  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**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.**

May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts  
**and triumph over the shades of night.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your dawn renews the face of the earth  
bringing light and life to all creation,  
may we rejoice in this day you have made;  
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,  
open our eyes to behold your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*after Lancelot Andrewes (1626)*

# *The Word of God*

## The Psalm

**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.**

## Old Testament Reading

## New Testament Reading

## Benedictus: The Song of Zechariah

- 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.**

**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.**

## *The Prayers*

**Prayers of Intercession**

**The Collect: the Prayer of the Day**

**The Lord's Prayer**

## *The Conclusion*

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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