

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim  
your praise.**

**A song of thanksgiving:**

God be gracious to us and bless  
us and make his face to shine  
upon us,

*That your way may be known  
upon earth, your saving power  
among all nations.*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

*O let the nations rejoice and be  
glad, for you will judge the  
peoples righteously and govern  
the nations upon earth.*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

*Then shall the earth bring forth  
her increase, and God, our own  
God, will bless us.*

God will bless us, and all the ends  
of the earth shall fear him.

**Amen.**

*Psalm 67*

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 set our hearts on  
fire with love for you; now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

**The Psalm for the day:**

**OT Reading**

**NT Reading**

**Silent reflection**

**Responsory (or alternative canticle)**

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

**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.

**I have called you by name; you**

**are mine.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**Fear not, for I have redeemed  
you. I have called you by name;  
you are mine.** *from Isaiah 43*

### **The Benedictus**

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*

### **Or, The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you  
thanks, we praise you for your  
glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the  
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us; you are  
seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.**

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone  
are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

### **Prayer**

*Intercessions are offered*

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

**(or)**

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### **Collect for the day, or this one:**

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. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

### **Conclusion**

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

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Alternative liturgy which may be**

**Used:**

**Canticle**

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

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