**Morning Prayer (Ordinary Time)**

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Prayer or canticle of the day**

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 for ever.

All Amen.

The Psalm

The appointed 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 for ever. Amen.

First Reading

**Second Reading**

**Responsory**

**Gospel Canticle: The 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.

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 for ever. Amen.

Prayers

**The Collect of the day**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

All 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 for 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.**