

Morning Prayer

Matins



Opening

The assembly stands.

The leader begins the dialogue, and the assembly responds, concluding with a doxology.



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

The alleluia is omitted during Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia.

OR

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Satisfy us in the morning with your stead - fast love, O God,



that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.



Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,



who gives us life, salvation, and res - ur - rec - tion.

The alleluia is omitted during Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

The psalmody begins with a morning psalm of praise: Psalm 95:1-7a (the Venite), Psalm 63:1-8, Psalm 67, Psalm 100, or another appropriate psalm.

The psalm may be preceded and followed by a general or seasonal invitatory. When the invitatory is sung, the following or a similar tone may be used, the assembly echoing the leader.



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

Refrain



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion. 1 Let us come be-fore God's



pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing and raise a loud shout to the



Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great



God, and a great rul - er a - bove all gods.

Refrain



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion. 2 In your hand are the



cav - erns of the earth; the heights of the hills are al - so

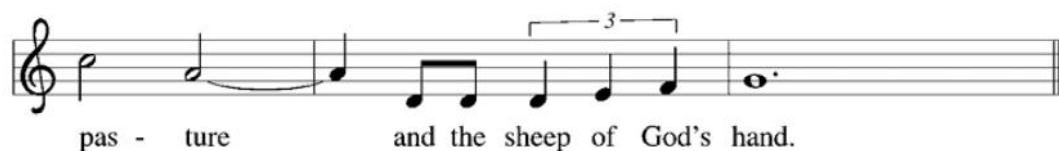
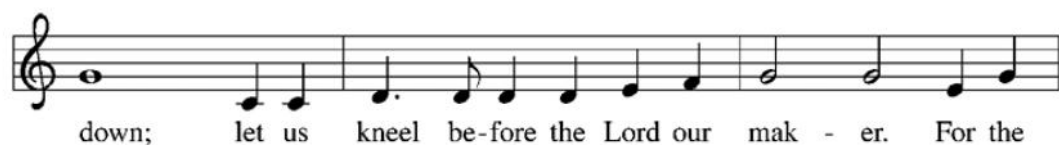


yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your

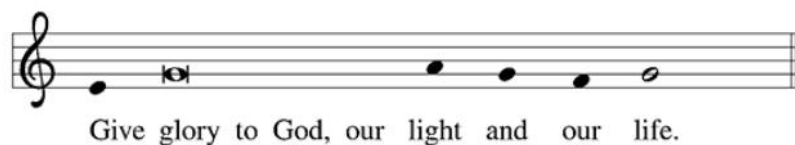
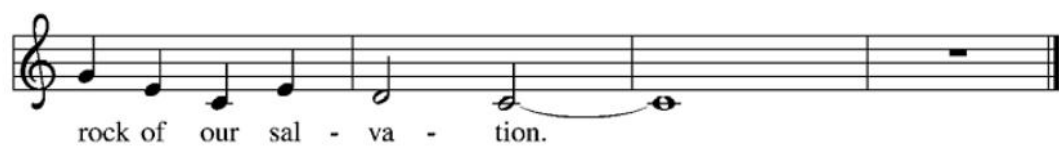


hands have mold - ed the dry land.

Refrain



Refrain



The assembly is seated.

The psalmody may continue with one or more additional psalms. Each is followed by a time of silence, which may be concluded by a psalm prayer; the assembly responds **Amen**.

Song

Additional assembly song may follow the psalmody. A hymn appropriate to the time of day or the season is normally sung, the assembly standing.

Word

Readings

The assembly is seated.

The service includes one or more scripture readings. After the conclusion of each reading, the assembly may respond **Thanks be to God**.


The reading of scripture is followed by silence for reflection. Other forms of reflection may also follow, such as brief commentary, teaching, or personal witness; non-biblical readings; interpretation through music or other art forms; or guided conversation among those present.

The reflection may conclude with a scriptural dialogue. When it is sung, the following or a similar tone may be used, the assembly echoing the leader.




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You have been born a - new



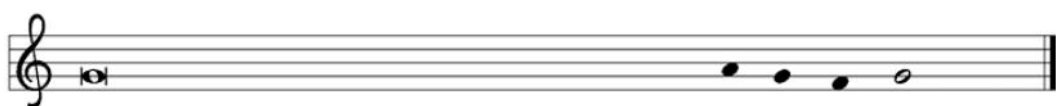
through the living and abiding word of God.

OR



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Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

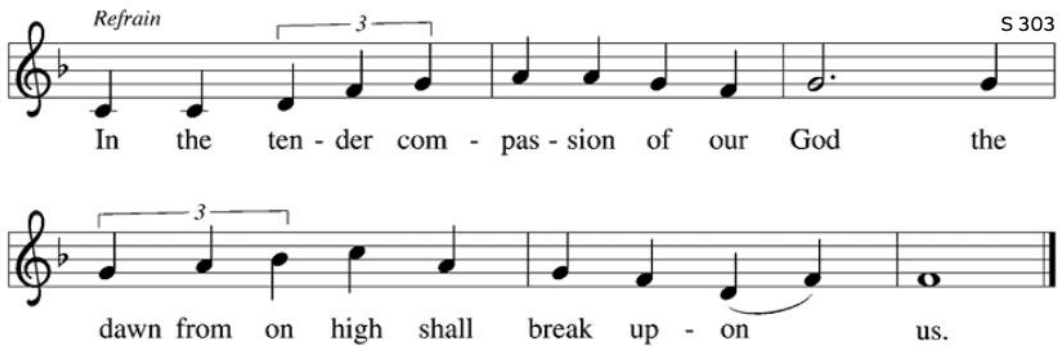


but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

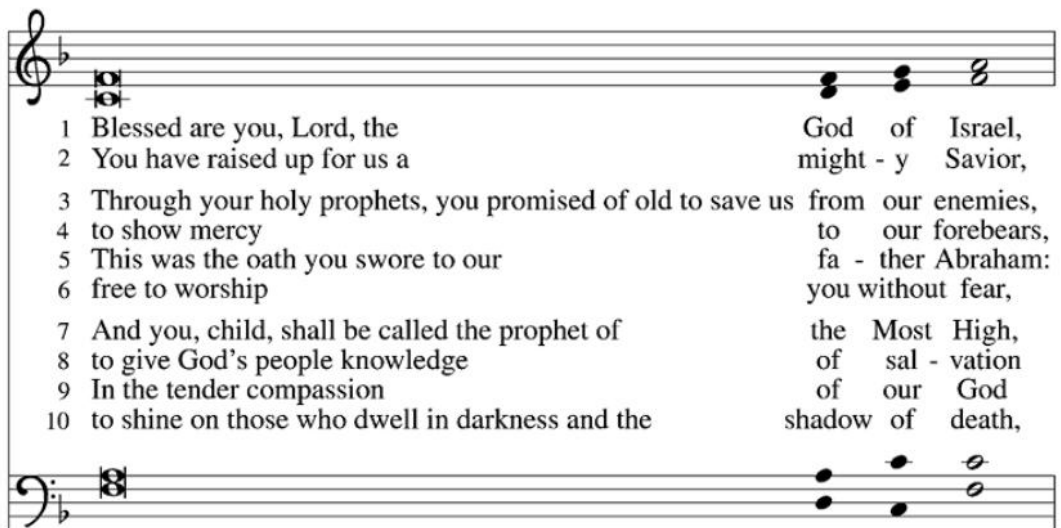
Gospel Canticle

The assembly stands to sing the gospel canticle for morning, the song of Zechariah, using the following or another musical version (#226, 250, 552). "We praise you, O God" (#227, 228, 414) may be used in place of the Benedictus.

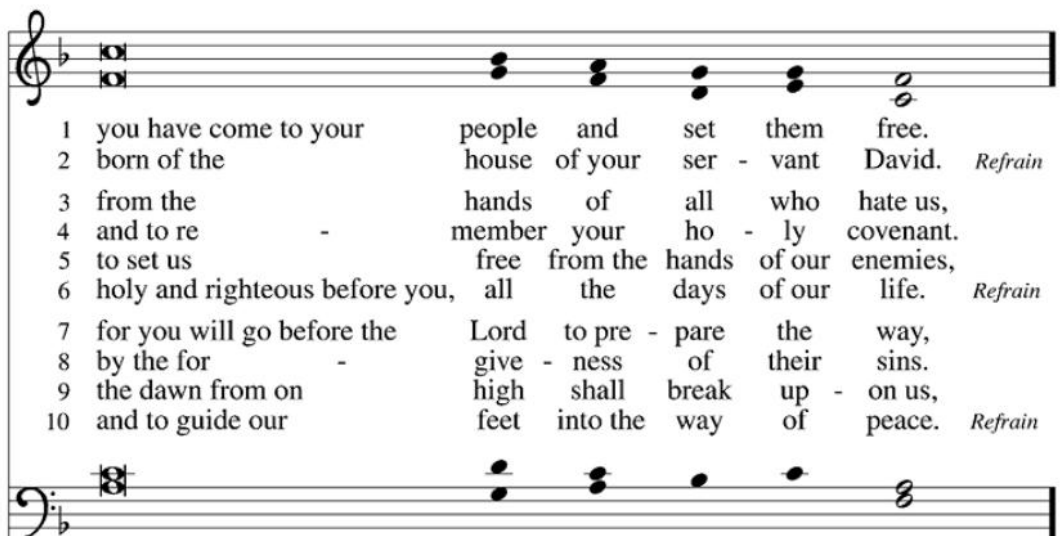
Refrain S 303



In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.



1 Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
2 You have raised up for us a might - y Savior,
3 Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
4 to show mercy to our forebears,
5 This was the oath you swore to our fa - ther Abraham:
6 free to worship you without fear,
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
8 to give God's people knowledge of sal - vation,
9 In the tender compassion of our God,
10 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,



1 you have come to your people and set them free.
2 born of the house of your ser - vant David. *Refrain*
3 from the hands of all who hate us,
4 and to re - member your ho - ly covenant.
5 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6 holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. *Refrain*
7 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare the way,
8 by the for - give - ness of their sins.
9 the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,
10 and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Refrain*

Prayers

The assembly kneels or stands. The following or another form of the prayers may be used.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Other thanksgivings may be added.

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Other intercessions may be added.

One or more of the following prayers and other appropriate prayers may be used.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OR

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OR

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is sung or spoken.

S 305

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The assembly stands.

Especially on Sundays, morning prayer may include a thanksgiving for baptism. One of the forms on pp. 307–308 may be used. If the thanksgiving for baptism is omitted, the service concludes as follows.

Blessing

Musical notation for the first line of the blessing. It consists of a single staff in G major (one flat) with a treble clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter). The text "Let us bless the Lord." is written below the staff. The number "S306a" is in the top right corner.

S306a

Let us bless the Lord.

Musical notation for the second line of the blessing. It consists of a single staff in G major (one flat) with a treble clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter). The text "Thanks be to God." is written below the staff.

Thanks be to God.

Musical notation for the third line of the blessing. It consists of a single staff in G major (one flat) with a treble clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter). The text "Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us." is written below the staff. The number "S306b" is in the top right corner.

S306b

Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.

Musical notation for the final line of the blessing. It consists of a single staff in G major (one flat) with a treble clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter). The text "A - men." is written below the staff.

A - men.

A hymn may be sung.

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

A baptismal hymn or canticle may be sung, and the assembly may gather at the font.

S 307

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The third staff contains 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs, and a double bar line is present after the first staff.

Water may be poured into the font as the leader gives thanks.

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth. We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life. Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ; renew in us the living fountain of your grace; and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water, and "We praise you, O God" (#227, 228, 414) or another hymn or canticle related to baptism may be sung.

The leader addresses the assembly in these or similar words.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.

OR

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Paschal Blessing

A baptismal hymn or canticle may be sung, and the assembly may gather at the font.

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Al - le - lu - ia.

The resurrection narrative is sung or spoken.

On the first day of the week at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them: “Why do you look for the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”

“We praise you, O God” (#227, 228, 414) is sung. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water during the singing of the canticle.

O God, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ forever; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Almighty God bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in peace.

Amen.

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.

