Morning Prayer (Lent)

Preparation

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

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,  
**according to your judgement give us life.**

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
In the darkness of our sin,  
your light breaks forth like the dawn  
and your healing springs up for deliverance.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,  
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit  
and open our lips to sing your praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

A song of Penitence

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

**2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I acknowledge my faults   
and my sin is ever before me.

**4 Against you only have I sinned   
and done what is evil in your sight,**

5 So that you are justified in your sentence   
and righteous in your judgement.

**6 Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me.**

7 Give me again the joy of your salvation   
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

**8 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked and sinners shall return to you.**

9 Deliver me from my guilt, O God,  
 the God of my salvation,   
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

*Psalm 51.1-5, 12-15*

**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 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.  
**Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalmody -*The appointed psalmody is said ending with:*

**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

Canticle

Ending…  
**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.**

Responsory

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
**O my God, in you I trust.**  
You are the God of my salvation,  
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**  
In you I hope all the day long.  
**O my God, in you I trust.**  
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.  
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.**  
*from Psalm 25*

Gospel Canticle

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*

**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

*ending with the Collect and Lord’s Prayer*

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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**

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.  
**Amen.**

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