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MORNING PRAYER

Matins

DIALOGUE

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

PSALMODY

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

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

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also his.**

The sea is his, for he made it;
and his hands have molded the dry land.

**Oh, come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

For he is our God,
and 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 will be forever. Amen**

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

SCRIPTURE READING

A scripture passage from Mark is read.

LESSON

A reading from Devotions: The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver is read.

A time of silence follows the reading. The leader then continues:

You have been born anew
through the living and abiding word of God

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,

**holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

**In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
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 will be forever. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

... **Amen**

Other intercessions may be offered.

O Lord, 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; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: comfort and relieve your sick servants and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that (...) for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

BENEDICTION

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in his peace.

Amen

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