**MORNING PRAYER**

This is the day that the lord has made.

**All Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

 O Lord, open our lips

**All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

 As we look for your coming among us this day,

 open our eyes to behold your presence

 and strengthen our hands to do your will,

 that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

 Blessèd be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**All Blessèd be God for ever!**

**Psalm 23**

1     The Lord is my shepherd;

 therefore can I lack nothing.

2     He makes me lie down in green pastures

 and leads me beside still waters.

3     He shall refresh my soul

 and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

4     Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

     I will fear no evil;

 for you are with me;

     your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5     You spread a table before me

     in the presence of those who trouble me;

 you have anointed my head with oil

     and my cup shall be full.

6     Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me

     all the days of my life,

 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**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**

**Scripture Reading**

**Benedictus**

1 Blessèd be the Lord 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**

**The Prayers**

 Lord in your mercy

**All hear our prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

 **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

 **hallowed be thy name;**

 **thy kingdom come; thy will be done;**

 **on earth as it is in heaven.**

 **Give us this day our daily bread.**

 **And forgive us our trespasses,**

 **as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

 **And lead us not into temptation;**

 **but deliver us from evil.**

 **For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,**

 **for ever and ever. Amen**

 Beside us, beneath us, behind us, before us

**All Jesus is here**

 Around us, amongst us, about us, ahead of us,

**All Jesus is here**

 Leading us, protecting us, challenging us, loving us.

**All Jesus is here**

 Let us bless the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**