**Preparation**

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

Your light springs up for the righteous  
**And all the peoples have seen your glory.**

**Opening Prayer**

Blessed are you, creator of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your dawn renews the face of the earth

bringing light and life to all creation,

may we rejoice in this day you have made;

as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,

open our eyes to behold your presence

and strengthen our hands to do your will,

that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**The night has passed and the day lies open before us.**

**The Psalm**

Psalm 48

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

**New Testament Reading**

John 2. 1-12

**The Gospel Canticle: The Benedictus**

**This is the Christ, the Chosen of God  
the one who will bring healing to the nations.**‘Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
   for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up a mighty saviour for us  
   in the house of his servant David,  
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
   that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.  
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
   and has remembered his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
   to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness  
   before him all our days.  
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
   for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
   by the forgiveness of their sins.  
By the tender mercy of our God,  
   the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
   to guide our feet into the way of peace.’

Luke 1.68–79

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**Prayers**

for the day and it's tasks; for the world  and it's needs; the Church and it's life: this prayer time can include prayers on a topic of your choice, open prayer, silent prayer however you/we feel led.  
 **The collect**

God of glory,

by the raising of your Son

you have broken the chains of death and hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope;

for a new day has dawned

and the way to life stands open

in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with  
confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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**

**Conclusion**May Christ who send us to the nations, give us the power of His Spirit. .**Amen**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**