*The Collect of the day or the following is said:*

God of the turbulent seas
that echo around our shores,
God of the stars and heavens
that shine light in our darkness,
God of our broken world
we are stewards of your creation.
Instill into us a sense of responsibility
that we may sustain development,
love our earth and live in harmony
with our environment. **Amen.**

**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.**

## The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

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# Morning Prayer

## Preparation

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

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.'
***All*** **Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

*Psalm 27.10*

Blessed are you, Lord God
creator of heaven and earth.
Your Word calls all things into being,
and the light of dawn awakens us to life.
May your wisdom guide us this day
that we may cherish and care for your good creation,
and offer to you the sacrifice of our lips,
praising you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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

Psalm followed by

**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.**

Bible reading

*Silence for reflection*

### *Gospel Canticle: The Benedictus*

**Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them:**
**let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.**

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.**

**Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them:**
**let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.**

## Prayers

*Intercessions are offered for the parish and its people*