

## PRAYER(S)

### COLLECT FOR GRACE

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.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. 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.**

# MORNING PRAYER (MATINS)

ADAPTED FROM  
THE LUTHERAN  
BOOK OF WORSHIP



## OPENING

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.**

[Alleluia. Alleluia.]

PSALM 95:1-7a

Give glory to God, our light and our life.  
**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

- <sup>1</sup>Oh, come, let us sing | to the LORD;\*  
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup>Let us come before his presence | with thanksgiving\*  
and raise a loud shout to | him with psalms.
- <sup>3</sup>For the LORD | is a great God,\*  
and a great King a- | bove all gods.
- <sup>4</sup>In his hand are the caverns | of the earth,\*  
the heights of the hills | are also his.
- <sup>5</sup>The sea is his, | for he made it,\*  
and his hands have molded | the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup>Oh, come, let us bow down and | bend the knee,\*  
and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.
- <sup>7a</sup>For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep | of his hand.\*

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and to the Holy Spirit;  
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and will be forever. Amen.**

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## LESSON(S)

The *First/Second* Lesson is from the \_\_\_\_ chapter of \_\_\_\_.  
Here ends the reading.

In many and various ways  
God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.  
**But now in these last days  
he has spoken to us by his Son.**

## 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 the 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.**