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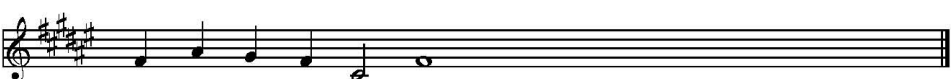
BLESSING



L: Let us bless the Lord _____ C: Thanks be to God _____



Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve us.



A - - - - - men.

A hymn may be sung.

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.

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O P E N I N G

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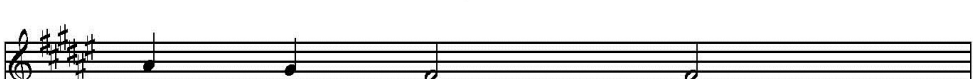
The leader begins the dialogue, and the assembly responds, concluding with a doxology.



L:Praise the Lord, all you nations; C:ex-tol God, all you peo-ples.



L:Great is God's steadfast love, C:faithful is the Lord for-e-ver.



All:Hal - le - lu - jah!

PSALMODY

The psalmody begins with a morning psalm of praise: Psalm 63:1-8.

The psalm may be preceded and followed by a general or seasonal invitatory. When the invitatory is sung, the following or a similar tone may be used, the assembly echoing the leader.

I seek you.
I thirst for you.
I faint for you
You are my God.

Refrain

O God, you are my God. O God, you are my God. (4x)

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Women: Therefore I've gazed up - on you in your ho - ly place,
Men: Hmm

that I might be - hold your pow'r and your glo - ry.

For your stead - fast love is Bet - ter than life it - self,

Today, we pray—

For those who are entrusted with power and wealth;
For those who work for justice, health, peace and education;
For the tearing down of walls that divide neighbors;
For those whose bodies are bought and sold;
For those who hunger in mind, body and spirit;
For those who live with disease;
For those who endure violence and persecution;
For all refugees;
For those who mourn...

Other intercessions may be added.

The assembly sings the refrain.

Mighty and merciful God, you have made us in your image, for relationship with one another, and you give us your grace to live as your people. In you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

Prayers of the People

After each petition:

South African

Leader:



Hear us, Lord:



All respond, in harmony: Hear us, Je - sus, hear us,



Je - sus, hear us, Je - sus, hear us Lord.

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

God of the new creation, we give you thanks for the resurrection dawn, through which we see the shining light of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today, we thank you—

- For life-giving waters that satisfy all who thirst for your presence;
- For land which provides abundantly;
- For your sustaining breath moving through the air;
- For the rich diversity of languages, ideas and gifts in one human family;
- For life, forgiveness and healing;
- For the community of believers in every place...

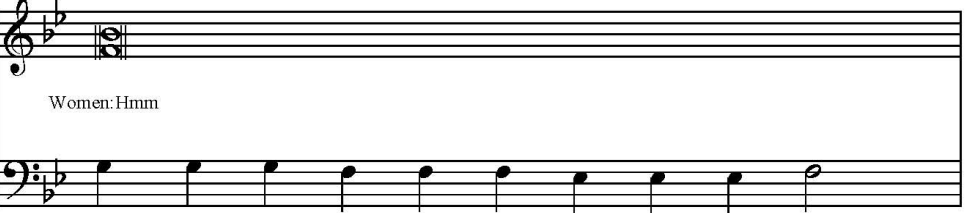
Other thanksgivings may be added.

The assembly sings the refrain.

God of all nations, hear the cries of your people, renew this world with peace and wholeness through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame death to bring love and hope for the world.



my lips shall give you praise. Refrain



Women: Hmm



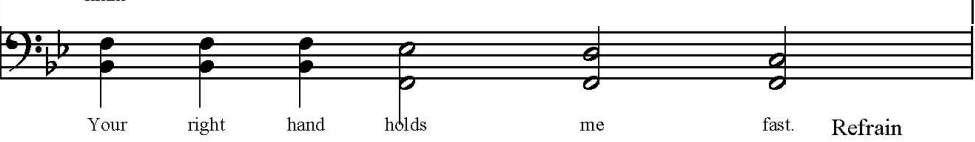
Men: So I will bless you as long as I live.



My mouth praises you with joyful lips.



My whole being clings to you.



Your right hand holds me fast. Refrain

The assembly is seated.

ADDITIONAL PSALMS

*The psalmody may continue with one or more additional psalms. Each is followed by a time of silence, which may be concluded by a psalm prayer; the assembly responds **Amen**.*

SONG


Additional assembly song may follow the psalmody using the following or another hymn appropriate to the time of day or season (#554, 555, 822, 837, 844, 852, 860, 866, 869, 875).

WORD


*The assembly is seated.
The service includes one or more scripture readings. After the conclusion of each reading, the assembly may respond **Thanks be to God**.*

The reading of scripture is followed by silence for reflection. Other forms of reflection may also follow, such as brief commentary, teaching, or personal witness; non-biblical readings; interpretation through music or other art forms; or guided conversation among those present.

The reflection may conclude with a scriptural dialogue. When it is sung, the following or a similar tone may be used, the assembly echoing the leader.




L: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,




C: but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

GOSPEL CANTICLE


The assembly stands to sing the gospel canticle for morning using the following or another musical version (#226, 250, 552).




Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set God's people free and rai - ses
With pro - mised me - rey will God still the co - ve - nant re - call, the oath once
My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way, to tell God's



up new hope for us: a branch of Day - id's tree. So have the pro - phets long de -
sworn to Ab - ra - ham, from foes to save us all; that we might wor - ship with - out
peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then shall God's mer - cy from on



clared, de - clared that with a mighty arm God would turn back our en - e -
fear and o - ffer lives, our lives of praise, in ho - li - ness and right - eous
high shine forth and ne - - - - - ver cease to drive a - way the gloom of



mies and all who wish to do us harm.
ness to serve our God all of our days.
death and lead _____ us - in - to _____ peace.

PRAYERS

The assembly kneels or stands. The following or another form of the prayers may be used with the sung refrain.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

The assembly sings the refrain.