

*The service begins with a simple invitation or the baptismal thanksgiving.*

**INVITATION**

**O Lord, open my lips,**  
and my mouth shall declare your praise. (Ps. 51:16)

**MORNING HYMN or PSALM**

A morning hymn, a sung psalm (esp. Pss. 95, 100, 66, 63), or a general hymn of praise.

**PSALM**

appointed Psalm  
silence  
Psalm prayer

**SCRIPTURE READING**

appointed scripture reading  
followed by sermon or silence

**CANTICLE or HYMN**

Possible canticles include:   Benedictus (see *LBW* p. 134, *LBW* #2, *WOV* #725)  
  Te Deum (see *LBW* p. 139, *LBW* #3, *LBW* #535)  
  Salvation belongs to our God (*WOV* p. 47)

On preaching days, the hymn may relate to the reading and sermon.

**PRAYERS** (suggested order)

*Prayer of the Day* (the prayer appointed for the previous Sunday or the feast day being celebrated)

*Prayers for others and ourselves*

These prayers begin with a brief invitation to prayer (e.g., “Let us pray for the needs of all.”)

The prayers may be formulated in various ways:

- bids addressed to the congregation
- prayers addressed to God

The prayers may include free prayer from the congregation.

On commemorations, the prayers may include a prayer of commemoration here or in conjunction with the Prayer of the Day.

*Concluding prayer*

**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*

**Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:**

Our Father in heaven . . .

*or*

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

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

*or*

Instead of all the prayers above, use the order for Responsive Prayer (Suffrages) in *LBW*, pp. 161-163.

**BLESSING**

**The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace  
through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13)**

Amen.

*or*

**The Lord almighty bless us and direct our days  
and our deeds in peace.**

Amen.

*The people depart with signs of peace.*