

### **Venite**

*Psalm 95.1–7*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our  
salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with  
thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to  
him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his for he made it, \*  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the  
knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our  
maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and  
the  
sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his  
voice!**

*or*

### **Jubilate**

*Psalm 100*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his  
pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into  
his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

**For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to  
age.**

### **Psalm 67**

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
**show us the light of his countenance and  
come to us.**  
2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
**your saving health among all nations.**  
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
**let all the peoples praise you.**  
4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
**for you judge the peoples with equity and  
guide all the nations upon earth.**  
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
**let all the peoples praise you.**  
6 The earth has brought forth her increase;  
**may God, our own God, give us his  
blessing.**  
7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
**and may all the ends of the earth stand in  
awe of him.**

**Blessed are you, Lord our God, light of the  
earth and health of the nations; you lead  
us in the way of justice and mercy, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Scripture may be read*

### **Benedictus**

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.**

**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.**

*Intercessions are offered  
for the day and its tasks  
for the world and its needs  
for the Church and her life  
for our church scattered on their frontlines*

**The Collect of the day** or the following

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
*who* is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from the assaults of our enemies, that we may trust in your defence, and not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for Grace**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, or be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**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.**

**The Conclusion**

May God, who has called us out of darkness  
into his marvellous light,  
bless us and fill us with peace.  
**Amen.**

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

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**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
You laid the foundation of the earth  
**and the heavens are the work of your hands.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your living Word, eternal in heaven,  
assumed the frailty of our mortal flesh,  
may the light of your love be born in us  
to fill our hearts with joy as we sing:  
Blessed be God, 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.**