

Laudes

1. Gathering

A hymn, song, or instrumental prelude may be used.

Alleluia is omitted during Lent, starting from Ash Wednesday. "Glory to the Father..." is omitted during the last two weeks of Lent.

Reader O Lord, open my lips,
Assembly and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
R God, come to my assistance.
A Lord, make haste to help me.
R Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
A as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Alleluia.

Instead of Alleluia, the following is used during Lent:

A Praise to you, O Christ, King of Eternal Glory!

[2. Hymn]

[Parts in brackets may be omitted.]

3. Psalm

The Psalm may be sung or spoken.

Instead of a psalm, the following Old Testament Canticles may be used: 1 Chronicles 29:10–13; Isaiah 12:1–6; Isaiah 26:1–4, 8–9, 12; Hosea 6:1–3.

"Glory to the Father..." concludes the Psalm. It is omitted during the last two weeks of Lent.

– Psalm

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.

4. Scripture reading

A reading or Gospel suited to the time of the church year or to the time of the day is read. A silence may be kept after reading.

[5. Response]

"Glory to the Father..." and the refrain that follows it is omitted during the last two weeks of Lent.

Instead of a Response, a hymn, song or instrumental music may be used.

R Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning.

A Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning.
R In you I put my trust, teach me the way I should go.
A Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning.
R Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
A Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning.

[6. Short homily or meditation]

7. The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus)

"Glory to the Father..." is omitted during the last two weeks of Lent.

[Antiphon]

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Benedictus

Blessed (+) are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
for you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old
to save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all who hate us,
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous before you,
all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's 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 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.

[The antiphon is repeated:]

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

8. Prayers

[Responsory prayer]

R O Lord God of hosts, restore us;

A let your face shine, that we may be saved.

R Christ, come to our help.

A Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love.

R Hear my prayer, O Lord.

A Give ear to my supplications.

R Let us pray.

[Prayer of intercession]

Prayer may be freely formulated. After each petition the assembly may respond »Lord, have mercy.«. A brief silent prayer may conclude the prayer of intercession.

R God, we give you thanks for this new day.

Let the light of Christ's resurrection shine upon us.

A Lord, have mercy.

R Let your light shine upon those

who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

A Christ, have mercy.

R Let us today bear the fruit of the Spirit:

love, joy and patience.

A Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the day

A prayer suited to the time of the church year or to the time of the day is read. Prayer may be freely formulated.

– prayer

A Amen.

Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is spoken or sung in unison.

Other accepted English wordings of the Lord's Prayer may be used.

A 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 for ever.
Amen.

9. Praise

Praise is omitted on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter eve.

R Let us praise the Lord!
A Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

During Lent from Ash Wednesday to the Wednesday of the Passion Week:

R Let us praise the Lord!
A Thanks be to God! Amen.

10. Benediction

R May the almighty and gracious God bless us
the Father, and the (+) Son and the Holy Spirit.
A Amen.

[11. Concluding music]

A hymn, song, or instrumental postlude may be used.