

Look in mercy upon all who suffer,
and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation:

Bring comfort to the dying,
and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory:

Give rest to the departed and bring them, with your saints,
to glory everlasting:

Let us commend the world, for which Christ died,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day or the following is said

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Standing at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father who art in heaven

The Conclusion

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer (Passiontide)

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
All your saving power among the nations.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief
your only Son was lifted up
that he might draw the whole world to himself.
May we walk this day in the way of the cross
and always be ready to share its weight,
declaring your love for all the world.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

This opening prayer may be said

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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Each appointed psalm may end with:

All **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.**

Scripture readings

Responsory

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

All **by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

All **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

We preach Christ crucified,
the power of God and the wisdom of God.

All **By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6**

Gospel Canticle

- 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. Luke 1.68-79
- All** **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.**

Prayers

With faith and love and in union with Christ,
let us offer our prayer before the throne of grace.

Have mercy on your people,
for whom your Son laid down his life:

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations,
and have pity on those torn apart by division:

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake, and
deliver them from evil: