

The Ordinary of the Order of Saint Luke for  
**MORNING PRAYER**

(Lauds)

CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

O Lord, open my lips,  
**And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*(followed by words of scripture appropriate to the day)*

HYMN

MORNING PRAYER

**... Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

O God, come to our assistance.  
**O Lord, hasten to help us.**  
Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and blessed;  
**One God, now and forever. Amen.**

*One or more psalms*

THE GLORIA

Glory to God: Source of all,  
Eternal Word, and Ho-ly Spirit,  
One God, holy and bless-ed Trinity,  
Who is now, ever was, and ever shall be for endless ages. *A-men.*

SCRIPTURE READING(S) AND SILENT REFLECTION

## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (*THE BENEDICTUS*)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of *Israel*,

Who has come to set the chosen peo-ple *free*.

The Lord has raised up for *us*

a mighty Savior from the house of *David*.

Through the holy prophets,

God 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 the ho-ly *covenant*.

This was the oath God swore to our fa-ther *Abraham*:

to set us free from the hands of our *enemies*,

free to worship with-our *fear*,

holy and righteous in the Lord's sight,

all the days of our *life*.

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

for you will go efore the Lord to pre-pare the *way*,

to give God's people knowledge of *sal-vation*.

by the forgiveness of their *sins*.

In the tender compassion of our *God*

the dawn from on high shall break u-pon *us*,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of *death*,

and to guide our feet into the way of *peace*.

[ICET]

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*;

One God, now and for-ever. *A- men*.

## [READING(S) FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

### P R A Y E R S

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

—*silence*—

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

### THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace do come: Pour into the hearts of all people, we pray, the true love of peace; and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your work may go forward until the world is filled with the knowledge of your love; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BISHOP FRANCIS PAGET, 1851-1911, ALT TJC]

### THE COLLECT FOR GRACE

O God, by whom we are guided in judgement, and who raises up for us light in the darkness: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do; that your Spirit of Wisdom may save us from all false choices, and in your straight path we may not stumble; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[JOHN W. SUTER, JR., INSPIRED BY IS. 30:15 AND PS. 46:11;  
FROM *SERVICES FOR TRIAL USE: SERIES THREE*, 1973,  
OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND; ALT TJC]

### CONCLUDING COLLECT

*(this or another collect:)*

Almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, ordered by your governance, may be always pleasing in our sight, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER AND/OR THE "SPIRIT PRAYER"

Eternal Spirit,  
Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
    sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
[For] the hurts we [inflict on] one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

[JIM COTTER, *PRAYER AT NIGHT*; CAIRNS PUBLICATIONS, 1991. USED WITH PERMISSION. [ ]: ALTERED.]

## HYMN

### GOING FORTH

*(using these or other selected words)*

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with  
perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter  
of our faith.

[ADAPTED FROM HEBREWS 12:1-2]

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us.  
Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**



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