

## MORNING PRAYERS

Open our lips, O God

**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

God is in the holy temple;

**Let all the earth be silent in God's presence.**

*Silence*

### **A Song of God's Blessing**

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.

*Psalm 67*

**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.

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind:

*Silence*

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.**

**Reading**

**Luke 14: 25-33**

**Reflection**

**Placing of Icons**

**Prayer**

Creator God

because you make all that draws forth our praise  
and the forms in which to express it  
**we praise you.**

Because you make artists of us all  
awakening courage to look again at what is taken for  
granted

grace to share these insights with others  
vision to reveal the future already in being  
**we praise you.**

Because you form your Word among us  
and in your great work embrace all human experience  
even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song  
**we praise you;**  
**yours is the glory. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

Lord our God,  
as with all creation  
we offer you the life of this new day,  
give us grace to love and serve you  
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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