

Preparation

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The shortened Benedicite is said

**All Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord you heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
O people of God bless the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:
bless the Lord
you that are holy and humble in heart.**

**Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

The minister prays

The Word of God

The Scripture reading, ending with

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said.

**All Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore
to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
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 his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all 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.**

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

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**All accept these prayers
for the sake of Your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Collect of the day is said.

The Lord's Prayer is said.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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