MORNING PRAYER
The leader and people stand and begin:

God, come to my assistance.
 Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here unaided.
2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ordainest all things and sendest the springs of life running deep.
3. O come, O come, Thou Root of Jesse, that sproutest out of the Everett stem; The East with joy shall see thee rise.
4. Is Israel's strength in ancient times directed, And by might and sword, and law, and prophets, to fight against sin.

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Psalmody
The leader and people are seated.

Ant. 1 O Lord, in your light we see light itself.

O Lord, in your light we see light itself.

Psalm 36

Side A
1. Transgression speaks to the sinner in the depths of his heart.
There is no fear of God before his eyes.

Side B
2. In his own eyes, he flatters himself, not to see and detest his own guilt.
The words of his mouth are mischief and deceit. He has ceased to be prudent and do good.

3. In bed he plots iniquity.
He sets his foot on every wicked way; no evil does he reject.

4. Your mercy, Lord, reaches to heaven, your truth to the clouds. Your justice is like God's mountains; like the great deep, your justice. Both man and beast you save, O Lord.
Side A

5. How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter
in the shadow of your wings.

7. Maintain your mercy for those who know
you,
your saving justice to upright hearts.
Let the foot of the proud not tread on me
nor the hand of the wicked drive me out.
There have the evil doers fallen;
flung down, unable to rise!

9. as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Ant. O Lord, in your light we see light itself.

Pause for silent prayer.

Ant. 2  O God, you are great and glorious; we marvel at your power.
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Canticle  Judith 16: 2-3a, 13-15

Side A

1. Strike up the instruments,
a song to my God with timbrels,
chant to the Lord with cymbals.
Sing to him a new song,
exalt and acclaim his name.

3. Let your every creature serve you;
for you spoke, and they were made.
You sent forth your spirit, and they were
created;
no one can resist your word.

5. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:

Side B

2. A new hymn I will sing to my God.
O Lord, great are you and glorious,
wonderful in power and unsurpassable.

4. The mountains to their bases, and the seas,
are shaken;
the rocks, like wax, melt before your glance.
But to those who fear you,
you are very merciful.

6. as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Ant. O God, you are great and glorious; we marvel at your power.
Pause for silent prayer.

Ant. 3 Exult in God’s presence with hymns of praise.
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Psalm 47

Side A
1. All peoples, clap your hands.
   Cry to God with shouts of joy!
   For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
   the great king over all the earth.

3. God goes up with shouts of joy.
   The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
   Sing praise for God; sing praise!
   Sing praise to our king; sing praise!

5. The princes of the peoples are assembled
   with the people of the God of Abraham.
   The rulers of the earth belong to God,
   who is greatly exalted.

7. as it was in the beginning,
   is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

   Ant. Exult in God’s presence with hymns of praise.

Side B
2. He humbles peoples under us
   and nations under our feet.
   Our heritage he chose for us,
   the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

4. God is king of all the earth.
   Sing praise with all your skill.
   God reigns over the nations.
   God sits upon his holy throne.

6. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
   and to the Holy Spirit:

Reading
Isaiah 7: 14b-15

Responsory
Your light will come, Jerusalem; the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty.
– Your light will come, Jerusalem; the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty.
You will see his glory within you;
– the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
– Your light will come, Jerusalem; the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty.
Canticle of Zechariah (Benedictus)

The leader and people stand.

Ant. The One who is coming after me is greater than I;
I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals.

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I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals.

Make the Sign of the Cross as we sing:

1. Now *bless the God of Israel, Who
2. Remembering the covenant, God
3. In tender mercy, God will send The

comes in love and pow’r, Who raises from the
rescues us from fear, That we might serve in
day-spring from on high, Our rising sun, the

royal house Deliverance in this hour. Through
holiness And peace from year to year; And
light of life For those who sit and sigh. God

holy prophets God has sworn To you, my child, shall go before To
comes to guide our way to peace, That

free us from alarm, To save us from the
preach, to prophesy. That all may know the
death shall reign no more. Sing praises to the

heav y hand Of all who wish us harm.
tender love, The grace of God most high.
Holy One! O worship and adore!

Ant. The One who is coming after me is greater than I;
I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals.
Intercessions

The Word of God humbled himself to dwell with us so that we might see his glory. Rejoicing in hope, let us call upon him:

Emmanuel, be with us.

Ruler, just and righteous,
– bring justice to the poor and the oppressed.
King of peace, you beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks,
– turn hatred into love and our grievances into forgiveness.
You do not judge by appearances,
– recognize those who are your own.
When you come with power and might upon the clouds,
– grant that we may come before you without shame.

The Lord’s Prayer

And now let us pray with confidence as Christ our Lord asked:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Concluding Prayer

Dismissal

All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader says:

May the Lord bless us, ✝
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
– Amen.