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

Jesus Christ is Ris’n Today

Psalmody

The leader and people are seated.

Ant. 1 You, O Lord, are the source of life, alleluia.

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Psalm 63: 2-9

Side A
1. O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
   for you my soul is thirsting.
   For you my flesh is pining,
   like a dry, weary land without water.
   I have come before you in the sanctuary,
   to behold your strength and your glory.

Side B
2. Your loving mercy is better than life;
   my lips will speak your praise.
   I will bless you all my life;
   in your name I will lift up my hands.
   My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
   with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.
3. When I remember you upon my bed,
   I muse on you through the watches of the night.
   For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
   My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

5. But the king shall rejoice in God;
   all that swear by him shall exult,
   for the mouth of liars shall be silenced.

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

   **Ant.** You, O Lord, are the source of life, alleluia.

   **Pause for silent prayer.**

   **Ant. 2** You sent forth your Spirit, O Lord, and all things were created, alleluia.
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   **Canticle**

   **Side A**
   1. Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord.
You heavens, bless the Lord.
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord.
All you hosts of the Lord, bless the Lord.
Sun and moon, bless the Lord.
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

   **Side B**
   2. Every shower and dew, bless the Lord.
All you winds, bless the Lord.
Fire and heat, bless the Lord.
Cold and chill, bless the Lord.
Dew and rain, bless the Lord.
Frost and chill, bless the Lord.
Ice and snow, bless the Lord.
Nights and days, bless the Lord.
Light and darkness, bless the Lord.
Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.
3. Let the earth bless the Lord.  
Praise and exalt him above all forever. 
Mountains and hills, bless the Lord. 
Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord. 
You springs, bless the Lord. 
Seas and rivers, bless the Lord. 
You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord. 
All you birds of the air, bless the Lord. 
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord. 
You sons of men, bless the Lord. 

Let us praise and exalt him above all forever. 
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven. 
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above all forever. 

Ant. You sent forth your Spirit, O Lord, and all things were created, alleluia.

Pause for silent prayer. 

Ant. 3 God is King over all the earth; make music for him with all your skill, alleluia. 
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Psalm 118: 1-9

1. Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever. 
Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.”

3. I called to the Lord in my distress; he has answered and freed me. 
The Lord is at my side; I do not fear. 
What can mankind do against me? 
The Lord is at my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on my foes.

2. Let the house of Aaron say, “His mercy endures forever.” 
Let those who fear the Lord say, “His mercy endures forever.”

4. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man; it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.
5. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

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

Ant. God is King over all the earth; make music for him with all your skill, alleluia.

Reading Romans 10: 8b-10

Responsory
The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.
– The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.
He hung upon the cross for us;
– alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
– The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.
Canticle of Zechariah (Benedictus)       Luke 1: 68-79

The leader and people stand.

Ant. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and show myself to him, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and show myself to him, alleluia.

Make the Sign of the Cross as we sing:

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and show myself to him, alleluia.
Intercessions

The Father glorified Jesus and appointed him heir to all nations.
Let us praise him saying:
   
   Save us, Lord, through your victory.

Lord Christ, by your victory you broke the power of evil and destroyed sin and death,
- make us victorious over sin today.
You laid death low, and brought us new life,
- grant that we may walk today in this new life.
You gave life to the dead, and led mankind from death to life,
- give eternal life to all those we shall meet today.
You brought confusion on the guards at your tomb, but joy to your disciples,
- grant the fullness of joy to all who serve you.

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

Let us pray.
God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of your people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
- Amen.

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.