



### **Opening**

Leader: God, open my lips.

All: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise

Glory be to God our Creator

And to Jesus, the Son

And to the Holy Spirit our Sustainer,  
ever present in our midst.

### **Psalm**

*Silence*

### **Reading**

*Silence*

### **Prayer**

*In silence or in spoken words, we give thanks for the gift of this day and pray for the life of the world.....*

**The Lord's Prayer** *you may pray in any language, any traditional version – see #894-6 in the hymnal - or use this contemporary one*

Our father/mother in heaven, may your name be honored,  
may your reign come and your will be done on earth,  
just as it is in heaven.

Give us today enough food for this day,  
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Do not let us enter into temptation, but keep us free of evil.  
For You are the Ruler, the One True Power, and all glory is yours, now and forever. Amen.

### **Magnificat**

My soul proclaims your greatness, God, my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior, for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant, and from this day all generations will call me blessed.

You have done great things for me; holy is your name.

You have mercy on all who stand in awe of you in every generation.

You have shown the strength of your arm, and have scattered the proud in their conceit.

You have cast down the mighty from their thrones, and have lifted up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things and have sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the help of your servant Israel, remembering the promise of mercy, the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and Sarah and their children forever.

### **Closing Prayer**

Keep us praising you, God,  
with voice and mind and deed throughout this day.  
And since life itself is a gift, may all we are and have be yours.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

May the peace that passes all understanding  
be with us throughout this day,  
and with our absent sisters and brothers.  
Amen.

*The candle is extinguished, and we become the light of Christ going back into the world.*