

Please respond with the words in bold

Preparation

A bell is rung. The Paschal Candle may be lit.

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Alleluia!

Now is the time to wake out of sleep,
for now our salvation is nearer than when we first
believed. *Romans 13.11*

The officiant welcomes the congregation, after which a hymn may be sung

Penitential Rite

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Though we have grieved him, yet he will heal us if we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Word of life which was from the beginning
We proclaim to you.

The darkness is passing away
and the true light is already shining;
The Word of life which was from the beginning.

That which we heard, which we saw with our eyes,
and touched with our hands,
We proclaim to you.

For our fellowship is with the Father,
and with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
**The Word of life which was from the beginning
we proclaim to you.**

from Psalm 96

A hymn may be sung

Psalms

The appointed psalmody is said from the Psalms sheet: the officiant says the off verses and the congregation respond together with the even verses, said slowly and with a small pause at the end of each line.

Each psalm ends with

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle

Ending with

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Scripture Reading

Either of the first or second readings may be used. The Gospel appointed for the Day is always read. At the end of each reading

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The reader then leads with this responsory

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Tell out his salvation from day to day.
Let the whole earth tremble before him.

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.**

Gospel Canticle: The Benedictus (Luke 1: 68-79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

**He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant,
as he promised by the lips of holy people,
those who were his prophets from of old.**

A saviour who would free us from our foes,
from the hands of all who hate us.
So his love for our ancestors is fulfilled
and his holy covenant remembered.

**He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,
that free from fear, and saved
from the hands of our foes,
we might serve him in holiness and justice
all the days of our life in his presence.**

As for you little child, you shall be called
a prophet of God, the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways
before him,

**To make known to his people their salvation
through forgiveness of all their sins,
the loving kindness of the heart of our God
who visits us like the dawn from on high.**

He will give light to those in darkness,
those who dwell in the shadow of death,
and guide us into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sermon, Meditation or Reflection

This may be given by a member of the congregation, printed & shared or a recording/video may be played.

