

Morning Prayer (January 3, 2010)

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Invitatory

Officiant: O Lord, open my lips

People: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise

Together (profound bow) : Glory to the One Holy and Undivided Trinity: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 66 Jubilate Deo

Officiant: Cry out with joy to God all the earth, *

People: O sing to the glory of God's name rendering glorious praise.

Say to God: "How tremendous your deeds! *

Because of the greatness of your strength your enemies cringe before you.

Before you all the earth shall bow, *
shall sing to you, sing to your name!"

Come and see the works of God, *
tremendous deeds for the people.

God turned the sea into dry land, *
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy be in the Lord, *
Who rules forever in power,

whose eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let rebels not lift themselves up.

O peoples, bless our God; *
let the voice of God's praise resound,

of the God who gave life to our souls *
and kept our feet from stumbling.

For you, O God, have tested us, *
you have tried us as silver is tried;

you led us, God, into the snare; *
you laid a heavy burden on our backs.

You let foes hide over our heads; *
we went through fire and through water but then you brought us relief.

Burnt offering I bring to your house; *
To you I will pay my vows,

the vows which my lips have uttered, *
which my mouth spoke in my distress.

I will offer burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of burning rams. *
I will offer bullocks and goats.

Come and hear, all who fear God, *
I will tell what God did for my soul;

to God I cried aloud, *
with high praise ready on my tongue.

If there had been evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; *
Has heeded the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God who has not rejected my prayer *
nor withheld God's love from me.

Together (profound bow) : Glory to the One Holy and Undivided Trinity: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

A reading: Col. 3:12-17
A period of silence.

Canticle: *Nunc dimittis*

Officiant: + Lord, you now have set your servant free, *

Together: to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *

and the glory of your people Israel.

(Profound bow) : Glory to the One Holy and Undivided Trinity: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

A reading: John 6:41-47

A period of silence.

Officiant: God be with you

People: And also with you

Officiant: Let us pray

Pater noster (you are invited to pray whatever version in whatever language you chose or to pray this version with the officiant:

Officiant: O Birther! Father-Mother of the Kosmos,

Together: Focus your light within us – make it useful:

Create your reign of unity now –

Your one desire then acts with ours,

as in all light, so in all forms.

Grant what we need each day in bread and insight..

Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,

as we release the strands we hold

of others' guilt.

Don't let surface things delude us

but free us from what holds us back.

From you is born all ruling will,

the power and the life to do,

the song that beautifies all,

from age to age it renews.
Truly – power to these statements –
may they be the ground from which all
my actions grown. Amen

Intercessory prayers and thanksgivings may be offered for ourselves and others silently or aloud.

Collect: O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, you Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.. *Amen.*

Dismissal: Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.
Together: Thanks be to God.