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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.

My mouth is filled with Your praise,
and with Your glory all the day.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare 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 will be forever. Amen.

Reading

Psalm 65

¹Praise is due to you, O God, in | Zion,*
and to you shall vows | be performed.

²O you who | hears prayer,*
to you shall | all flesh come.

³When iniquities prevail a- | gainst me,*
you atone for our trans- | gressions.

⁴Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell | in your courts!*

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your | temple!

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our sal- | vation,*

the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the | farthest seas;

⁶the one who by his strength established the | mountains,*
being girded | with might;

⁷who stills the roaring of the seas,
 the roaring | of their waves,*
 the tumult of the | peoples,
⁸so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe | at your signs.*
You make the going out of the morning and the evening to | shout for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it;
 you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of | water;*
 you provide their grain,
 for so you have pre- | pared it.

¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,
 settling its | ridges,*
softening it with showers,
 and bless- | ing its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with your | bounty;*
 your wagon tracks overflow with a- | bundance.

¹²The pastures of the wilderness | overflow,*
 the hills gird them- | selves with joy,

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
 the valleys deck them- | selves with grain,*
they shout and sing together | for joy.

Meditation on the Hymn

577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

- 1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast
 Like seed into the ground;
 Now let the dew of heav'n descend
 And righteous fruits abound.
- 2 Let not the sly satanic foe
 This holy seed remove,
 But give it root in ev'ry heart
 To bring forth fruits of love.
- 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
 The rising plant destroy,
 But let it yield a hundredfold
 The fruits of peace and joy.
- 4 So when the precious seed is sown,
 Life-giving grace bestow
 That all whose souls the truth receive
 Its saving pow'r may know.

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Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life [†] everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Concluding prayers:

Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Then go joyfully to your work.

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