### Concluding Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal

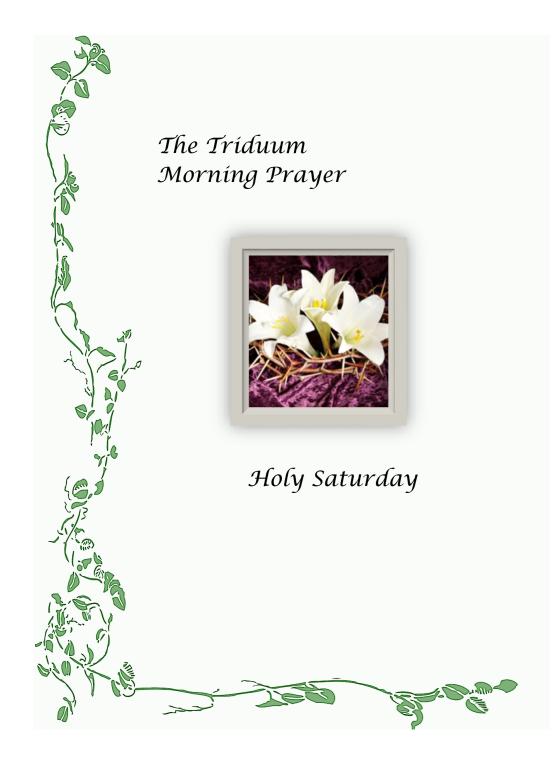


#### **About Morning Prayer**

Morning Prayer (as well as its end-of-the-day partner, Evening Prayer) as it is celebrated today comes from the early church and monastic tradition of praying throughout the day in a series of prayer services called the Liturgy of the Hours. The Second Vatican Council directed that these prayer services be reformed for public use, and in 1974 an English version was published.

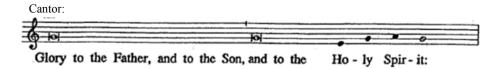
Morning Prayer is now what used to be known as Lauds, and parts of its format are fixed. The Invitatory and Response always begin the service, which is traditionally followed by Psalm 95 and a hymn. An Old Testament reading is included, followed by a canticle, or song from the Gospel, which is why we stand during the singing of this song. In Morning Prayer, the Canticle is always the Benedictus, the song that Zachary sang when he was finally able to speak after the birth of his son, John.

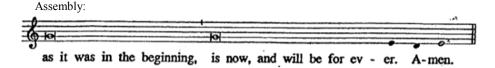
Morning Prayer then concludes with a series of prayers, including the Lord's Prayer.



## Invitatory and Response







Morning Hymn: Morning Has Broken (see insert)

Opening Prayer

Psalm 95 ~ (please be seated)

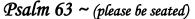


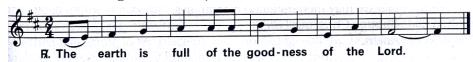
Psalm Prayer (please stand)

Psalm 27 ~ (please be seated)



Psalm Prayer (please stand)





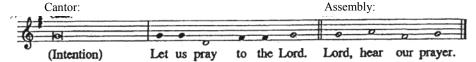
The Word of God ~ Isaiah 53:8-12

(please remain seated)

Silent Reflection

Gospel Canticle ~ Canticle of Zachary
(see insert - please stand)

#### Intercessory Prayers ~



# The Lord's Prayer

