WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will tell of your praise.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

WE PRAY PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Jesus, you are the way, the truth, and the life.

He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

Jesus, you are the way, the truth, and the life.

The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Jesus, you are the way, the truth, and the life.

GOD SPEAKS TO US [see seasonal Bible reading guide, or other Bible reading]

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH [Apostles’ Creed, scriptural song, or hymn/song]

WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

God tells us in his word to pray for all people. Let us pray to him for the church, the world, and all in need.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Provide faithful pastors to preach your good news.
Strengthen the faith of your people through word and sacrament.
Bring to faith those who do not yet know you.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Have mercy on all nations, and bless our own land.
Bring honesty and justice, peace and safety everywhere.
Bless and protect people in work and leisure.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Comfort those who are suffering or downcast.
Lift up the fallen and satisfy the needy.
Help all who are in any trouble.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

(Other prayers may follow)

Heavenly Father, give us your help in all our duties, your guidance in all our perplexities, your protection in all our dangers, and your peace in all our troubles; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WE PRAY THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE BLESS US

Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God forever and ever.

And may the almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and keep us.

Amen.