

- ℣ May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- ☩ **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
- ℣ Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- ☩ **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
- ℣ Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- ☩ **listen to my plea for grace.**

### Collects

- ℣ Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☩ **Amen.**
  
- ℣ Lord God our Father, You kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, You led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star You led the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now in this time as we set out to travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where You dwell in glory with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☩ **Amen.**

### Benedicamus and Blessing

- ℣ Let us bless the Lord.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**
  
- ℣ The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- ☩ **Amen.**

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## Itinerarium

### *Responsive Prayer 2 Before Travel*

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#### Opening Versicles

- ℣ O Lord, open my lips,
- ☩ **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- ℣ Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- ☩ **make haste to help me, O Lord,  
 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.**

#### Psalm

*Psalm 119:129–136*

- <sup>129</sup>**Your testimonies are wonderful;  
 therefore my soul keeps them.**
  
- <sup>130</sup>**The unfolding of your words gives light;  
 it imparts understanding to the simple.**
  
- <sup>131</sup>**I open my mouth and pant,  
 because I long for your commandments.**
  
- <sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
 as is your way with those who love your name.**
  
- <sup>133</sup>**Keep steady my steps according to your promise,  
 and let no iniquity get dominion over me.**
  
- <sup>134</sup>**Redeem me from man's oppression,  
 that I may keep your precepts.**
  
- <sup>135</sup>**Make your face shine upon your servant,  
 and teach me your statutes.**
  
- <sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed streams of tears,  
 because people do not keep your law.**
  
- 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

Luke 18:15–17

<sup>15</sup>Now they were bringing even infants to him [Jesus] that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Christ Be My Leader

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1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

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## Kyrie

LSB 285

**L** O Lord, **C** have mercy.  
**L** O Christ, **C** have mercy.  
**L** O Lord, **C** have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 285

**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.

## Apostles' Creed

LSB 286

**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  $\text{✝}$   
everlasting. Amen.

## Versicles

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**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** let my cry come to You.  
**L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You;  
**C** for You answer me.  
**L** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** and blot out all my iniquities.  
**L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** and renew a right spirit within me.  
**L** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
**L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
**L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** my lips will praise You.  
**L** For You have been my help,  
**C** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.  
**L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** unite my heart to fear Your name.  
**L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** and I will glorify Your name forever.