Morning Prayer

Officiant

+In the name of God, who is love: Amen.

As the sun rises and the new day begins,
We turn to you, O God, for blessing and hope.

Open our lips, O God,
And we will proclaim your praise together.

Glory to God, creating, redeeming, and sustaining:
Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

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1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
   from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
   the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
   and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
   shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
   the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
   nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
   it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
   from this time forth for evermore.
Reading
The officiant will read the day's Gospel portion.

Meditation

The Prayers
God dwells in you
And also in you.
Let us pray:

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

Prayers for our Nation (From the Book of Common Prayer)

God of Love, giver of all good things:
We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land.
They restore us, though we often destroy them.
Heal us.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They
make us rich, though we often exploit them.
Forgive us.
We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.  
**Inspire us.**

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.  
**Enlighten us.**

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again, and again.  
**Renew us.**

Help us, O God, to finish the good work here begun.  
Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to build communities of concern for one another.  
And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name.  
**Amen.**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

Collect:

We thank you, God, for this very day. Turn our attention to your presence in every moment; make us aware of your love, no matter our circumstances. Strengthen us to live this day by your grace, and for your holy purposes. When we succumb to moments of despair, turn our hearts to you and to one another; for your desire for us is life abundant, and joy in the journey. We pray because of Jesus, who shows us the way.  
**Amen.**

God, grant us your peace.  
**Let us meet the day with joy.**  
Sustain us by your grace.  
**Send us in your name. Amen.**

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.  
**Amen.**