

Higher Things

DARE TO BE LUTHERAN

The Itinerary

Prayer before Travel

The Antiphon

- ℣ In the way of peace and prosperity the almighty and merciful Lord direct us; and may the holy angels accompany us our the way that we may return to our home in peace, in safety, and in joy.

The Benedictus

St. Luke 1:68-79

- ☩ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The antiphon is repeated.

The Kyrie

- ℣ O Lord,
☩ Have mercy.
- ℣ O Christ,
☩ Have mercy.
- ℣ O Lord,
☩ Have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer and Litany

L Our Father...and lead us not into temptation.

C But deliver us from evil.

L O God, save Your servants

C That trust in You.

Psalm 86:2

L May He send us help from the sanctuary;

C And give us support from Zion.

Psalm 20:2

L Be to us a strong tower, O Lord;

C Against all calamity.

Psalm 61:3

L Let no evil happen to us.

C But guard us from all danger and peril.

L Blessed be the Lord today.

C The God of our salvation protect us.

Psalm 68:19

L Make us to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach us Your paths.

Psalm 25:4

L Oh, that our ways may be steadfast;

C In keeping Your statutes!

Psalm 119:5

L The crooked ways shall be made straight.

C And the rough ways shall be made smooth.

Isaiah 40:4

L God will give His angels charge of you

C To guard you in all your ways.

Psalm 91:11

L Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C And let our cry come to You.

Psalm 39:12

L The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

The Collects

L O God, who caused the Children of Israel to pass through the midst of the sea on dry ground, and who by the leading of a star opened to the Wise Men the way to Yourself, grant to us, we implore You, a prosperous journey and fair weather that, attended by Your holy angel, we may happily arrive at this year's Higher Things conference and finally attain to the haven of eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C Amen.

L O God, who brought Abraham, Your servant, from Ur of the Chaldeans and kept him safely through all the days of his pilgrimage, we implore You that You would protect Your servants, be to us our Support in setting forth, O Lord, our Consolation along the way, a Shadow to us in heat, our Covering in rain, our Chariot in weariness, our Help in adversity, our Staff in difficult places, our Port in shipwreck, that with You as our Leader, we may prosperously reach our destination and at length return home safely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

L Mercifully assist us, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayer, and direct our ways toward the attaining of everlasting salvation, that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may always be defended by Your most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

L Grant, we implore You, almighty God, that Your family may walk in the way of salvation and, following the counsels of blessed John, the forerunner, may safely come to Him whom he foretold, Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

L Let us go forth in peace

C In the name of the Lord. Amen.