

Left side: You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

Right side: In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**(All bow)** Glory 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.

**(All)** *God has raised up for us a mighty Savior.*

### Concluding Rite

**Announcements** *Sit*

**Collection of Monetary Offerings**

**Invitation to Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood**

**Blessing** *Stand*

**Sign of Peace**

**Hymn**

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## Catholic Diocese of Saginaw Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest

### MORNING PRAYER

#### Introductory Rites

*+All make Sign of the Cross as the following is said*

**Deacon or Lay Leader of Prayer:** +God, come to my assistance.  
**ALL:** Lord, make haste to help me.

**(All bow)** Glory 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. (Alleluia).

#### Hymn

#### Psalmody

*Sit*

*All repeat the Antiphon after the Deacon or Lay Leader of Prayer*

**Antiphon:** *As morning breaks, I look to you, O God,  
to be my strength this day (alleluia).*

Psalm 63:2-9 **(All - alternating left and right sides)**

Left side: O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.  
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and glory.

Right side: For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.  
So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

**Left side:** On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.

**(All bow)** Glory 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.

**All:** *As morning breaks, I look to you, O God, to be my strength this day (alleluia).*

### **Liturgy of the Word**

#### **First Reading**

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

#### **Second Reading**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Stand*

#### **Gospel**

**Reflection on the Readings or Reverential Silence** *Sit*

**Profession of Faith - The Apostles Creed** *Stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, [**bow**] *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; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

#### **Prayer of the Faithful**

**Lord's Prayer** *Stand*

### **Communion (if applicable)**

**Invitation to Communion** *Kneel*  
**Communion**

**Act of Thanksgiving-Canticle of Zechariah** *Stand*

*All repeat the Antiphon after the Deacon or Lay Leader of Prayer*

**Antiphon:** *God has raised up for us a mighty Savior.*

**(All - alternating left and right sides)**

**Left side:** (+ All make Sign of the Cross)  
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.

**Right side:** Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.

**Left side:** He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.

**Right side:** This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.