**Friday**

**The Preparation**

Presider O Lord, open our lips

 And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Presider Pour your love into our hearts, O God

**All Through the Holy Spirit you have given to us**

 **Glory to God, source of all being,**

 **Eternal word and Holy Spirit:**

 **As it was in the beginning, is now,**

 **And shall be forever. Amen.**

 **Alleluia!**

**The Opening Prayer**

Presider The night has passed and the day lies open before us;

 Let us pray with one heart and mind

*Silence is kept*

 A we rejoice in the gift of this new day,

 So may the light of your presence O God,

 Set our hearts on fire with love for you

 Now and forever. Amen

**The Word of God**

**Psalm 102**

1 Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; \*
hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

2 Incline your ear to me; \*
when I call, make haste to answer me,

3 For my days drift away like smoke, \*
and my bones are hot as burning coals.

4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, \*
so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my groaning \*
I am but skin and bones.

6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, \*
like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake and groan; \*
I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

8 My enemies revile me all day long, \*
and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes for bread \*
and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of your indignation and wrath \*
you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days pass away like a shadow, \*
and I wither like the grass.

12 But you, O Lord, endure for ever, \*
and your Name from age to age.

13 You will arise and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to have mercy upon her; \*
indeed, the appointed time has come.

14 For your servants love her very rubble, \*
and are moved to pity even for her dust.

15 The nations shall fear your Name, O Lord, \*
and all the kings of the earth your glory.

16 For the Lord will build up Zion, \*
and his glory will appear.

17 He will look with favor on the prayer of the homeless; \*
he will not despise their plea.

18 Let this be written for a future generation, \*
so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord.

19 For the Lord looked down from his holy place on high; \*
from the heavens he beheld the earth;

20 That he might hear the groan of the captive \*
and set free those condemned to die;

21 That they may declare in Zion the Name of the Lord, \*
and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together, \*
and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

23 He has brought down my strength before my time; \*
he has shortened the number of my days;

24 And I said, "O my God,
do not take me away in the midst of my days; \*
your years endure throughout all generations.

25 In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, \*
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

26 They shall perish, but you will endure;
they all shall wear out like a garment; \*
as clothing you will change them,
and they shall be changed;

27 But you are always the same, \*
and your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants shall continue, \*
and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight."

**Gospel**

## Matthew 9:9-17

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’ But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, ‘Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?’ And Jesus said to them, ‘The wedding-guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.’

*A moment of silent contemplation and / or brief commentary on the Gospel reading*

Gospel Canticle

Refrain: **You have looked with favour upon your lowly servant:**

 **From this day, all generations will call her blessed.**

**Magnificat**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on his humble servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed,

the Almighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

and has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

the promise he made to our fathers,

to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

**Amen**

Refrain: **You have looked with favour upon your lowly servant:**

 **From this day, all generations will call her blessed.**

**The Litany**

Presider Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfilment and peace.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Presider Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others

 As he has loved us.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Presider Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Presider Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are in need

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Presider (Any individual prayers…)

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Presider Let us ask the Lord to renew the Church through the power

 Of his life-giving Spirit

**All Lord, have mercy.**

**The Collect**

Presider Most merciful God,

 Who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ

 Delivered and saved the world:

 Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross,

 We may triumph in the power of his victory

 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider As Our Saviour Christ taught us we are bold to say:

**All Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

**Closing Responses**

The Blessing

**All The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil,**

 **And keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

Presider Let us bless the Lord

**All Thanks be to God.**