**Monday**

**The Preparation**

Presider O Lord, open our lips

**All 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*

As 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**

**80** *Qui regis Israel*  
  
1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.  
  
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.  
  
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
  
4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?  
  
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.  
  
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
  
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
  
8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.  
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9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.  
  
10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.  
  
11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.  
  
12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?  
  
13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
  
14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.  
  
15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.  
  
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.  
  
17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.  
  
18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Gospel Reading**

## John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, ‘This was he of whom I said, “He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ’) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

*A time for silent reflection and / or brief commentary on the Gospel reading*

Gospel Canticle

Refrain: **God set us free to worship you without fear**

**Holy and righteous all the days of our lives**

**Benedictus**

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.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old

that he would save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant.

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.

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.

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.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;**

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

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Refrain: **God set us free to worship you without fear**

**Holy and righteous all the days of our lives**

**The Litany**

Presider Through Christ, who ever lives to make intercession for us,

Let us pray to the lord.

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places

And inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood

**All God of love, hear our prayer**

Presider Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom

And grant on earth the blessing of your peace.

**All God of love, hear our prayer**

Presider Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit

And renew your church with the power from on high

**All God of love, hear our prayer**

Presider May peace abound and righteousness flourish

That we may tread underfoot injustice and wrong.

**All God of love, hear our prayer**

Presider Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation,

And grant us the needful gifts of your grace

**All God of love, hear our prayer**

Presider (Any individual prayers…)

**All God of love, hear our prayer**

Presider Rejoicing in the fellowship of the church on earth,

Let us join our prayers with the saints in glory

**The Collect**

Presider Almighty God,

Who sent your Holy Spirit

To be the life and light of your church:

Open our hearts to the riches of your grace

That we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit

In love and joy and peace;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**All 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,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and 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.**