**Thursday**

**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**

**83** *Deus, quis similis?*

1 O God, do not be silent; \*  
do not keep still nor hold your peace, O God;  
  
2 For your enemies are in tumult, \*  
and those who hate you have lifted up their heads.  
  
3 They take secret counsel against your people \*  
and plot against those whom you protect.  
  
4 They have said, "Come, let us wipe them out from among the nations; \*  
let the name of Israel be remembered no more."  
  
5 They have conspired together; \*  
they have made an alliance against you:  
  
6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; \*  
the Moabites and the Hagarenes;  
  
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; \*  
the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.  
  
8 The Assyrians also have joined them, \*  
and have come to help the people of Lot.  
  
9 Do to them as you did to Midian, \*  
to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:  
  
10 They were destroyed at Endor; \*  
they became like dung upon the ground.  
  
11 Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeëb, \*  
and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna,  
  
12 Who said, "Let us take for ourselves \*  
the fields of God as our possession."  
  
13 O my God, make them like whirling dust \*  
and like chaff before the wind;  
  
14 Like fire that burns down a forest, \*  
like the flame that sets mountains ablaze.  
  
15 Drive them with your tempest \*  
and terrify them with your storm;  
  
16 Cover their faces with shame, O Lord, \*  
that they may seek your Name.  
  
17 Let them be disgraced and terrified for ever; \*  
let them be put to confusion and perish.  
  
18 Let them know that you, whose Name is Yahweh, \*  
you alone are the Most High over all the earth.

## The Gospel

## John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

*Take a silent moment of reflection upon and / or brief comments regarding the Gospel*

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 From the rising of the sun to its setting

That the people of God in all the world

May worship in Spirit and in truth, let us pray with one voice.

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

Presider That the church may discover again that unity which is your gift,

Let us pray with one voice.

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

Presider That the nations of the earth,

May seek after the ways that make for peace, let us pray with one voice

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

Presider That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the

Glorious liberty of the children of God, let us pray with one voice.

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

Presider (Any individual prayers…)

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

Presider That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death,

May find the fulfillment of life and peace, let us pray with one voice.

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

Presider With all the saints in light,

Let us offer eternal praise to God made manifest.

**The Collect**

Presider O God, the author of peace

And lover of concord, whom to know is eternal life,

Whose service is perfect freedom:

Defend us your servants

Form all assaults of our enemies

That we, trusting in your defense,

May not fear the power of any adversaries;

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.**