

## The Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
Gladden the soul of your servant,  
**for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

## The Hymn to the Light

**O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,  
in you God's gracious glory shone.  
Immortal, holy, blest is God,  
and blest are you, God's holy Son.**

**Now sunset comes but light shines forth;  
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.  
Praise Author, Word and Spirit: God  
who dwells in the eternal light.**

**Worthy are you of endless praise,  
O Word of God, life-giving Lord;  
wherefore you are through all the earth  
and in the highest heaven adored.**

*Common Praise #14*

## Psalm 139

- 1** Lord, you have searched me out \*  
and known me.
- 2** You know my sitting down and my rising up; \*  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 3** You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4** Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 5** You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 7** Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
Where can I flee from your presence?
- 8** If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 9** If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

## Luke 6:27-38

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

*All are invited to share a word or a phrase that stood out, or to offer a short thought evoked by the reading.*

## The Prayers

*All are invited to name their intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.*

*After a period of silence the following collect is said.*

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit  
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

May the Lord of Peace give us peace in all ways and at all  
times. **Amen.**