**Wednesday**

**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*

 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**

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1 I will sing of mercy and justice; \*
to you, O Lord, will I sing praises.

2 I will strive to follow a blameless course;
oh, when will you come to me? \*
I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.

3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; \*
I hate the doers of evil deeds;
they shall not remain with me.

4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; \*
I will not know evil.

5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; \*
those who have a haughty look and a proud heart I cannot abide.

6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, \*
and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.

7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, \*
and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, \*
that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the Lord.

##  **Gospel**

## Luke 5:27-39

After this he went out and saw a tax-collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax-collectors and others sitting at the table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, ‘Why do you eat and drink with tax-collectors and sinners?’ Jesus answered, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.’

Then they said to him, ‘John’s disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink.’ Jesus said to them, ‘You cannot make wedding-guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.’ He also told them a parable: ‘No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, “The old is good.” ’

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 give glory to God on high,

 Who from his fullness have received grace upon grace.

 For the holy Church of God throughout the world,

 That with one heart we may rejoice in the word made flesh,

 Let us pray in the Spirit

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

Presider For good will in the hearts of all; and on earth peace,

 Let us pray in the Spirit

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

Presider For the poor, the outcast and the homeless,

 The lonely and the unloved, Let us pray in the Spirit

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

Presider For all who have gone before us,

 Whose hope was in the Word made flesh, Let us pray in the Spirit

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

Presider (Any individual prayers…)

 **God of love, hear our prayer**

Presider With the blessed Virgin Mary,

 Saint John and all the host of heaven,

let our voices rise to praise God’s glory

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

**The Collect**

Presider Almighty God,

 Who wonderfully created us in your own image

 And yet more wonderfully restored us

 In your Son Jesus Christ:

 Grant that, as he came to share our human nature,

 So we may be partakers of his divine glory;

 Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever. 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.**