

## 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 98

- 1 Sing a new song to the Lord,  
who has done marvellous things, \*  
whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- 2 **O Lord, you have made known the victory; \***  
**you have openly shown your righteousness**  
**in the sight of the nations.**
- 3 You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God.
- 4 **Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \***  
**lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.**
- 5 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 6 **With trumpets and the sound of the horn \***  
**shout with joy before our sovereign, the Lord.**
- 7 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
who is coming to judge the earth.
- 9 In righteousness shall God judge the world \*

and the peoples with equity.

**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 11:47-54**

Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors; for they killed them, and you build their tombs. Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, "I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute", so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation. Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.'

When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile towards him and to cross-examine him about many things, lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

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.**