**Tuesday**

**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*

 A 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**

**45**

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; \*
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.

3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, \*
in your pride and in your majesty.

4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth \*
and for the sake of justice.

5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; \*
your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

6 The peoples are falling at your feet, \*
and the king's enemies are losing heart.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

**Gospel**

## Luke 11:27-36

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!’ But he said, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!’

When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, ‘This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. The queen of the South will rise at the judgement with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgement with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here!

‘No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays.’

*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 Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength and stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. That God may bring in his kingdom with Judgement and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Presider That God may establish among nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Presider That we may seek him in the scripture and recognize him in the breaking of bread, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Presider That God may bind up the broken-hearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Presider (Any individual prayers…)

let us pray to the Lord.

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

Presider That with all saints in light,
we may shine forth as lights of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Presider So we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our loving God.

***Collect***

Presider O God,
who set before us the great hope
that your kingdom shall come on earth and taught us to pray for its coming: give us grace to discern the signs of its dawn and to work for the perfect day when the whole world shall reflect your glory; 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,
and 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.**