Morning Prayer for Friday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Introductory Responses*

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise

**and your glory all the day long.**

Our God is full of compassion and mercy:

**O come let us worship.**

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. Alleluia.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Psalm 91*

1Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, \*

**and abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

2 They shall say to the Lord, “You are our refuge and our stronghold, \*

**our God in whom we put our trust.”**

3 The Lord shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*

**and from the deadly pestilence.**

4 The wings of the Lord shall cover you, and you shall find refuge under them; \*

**the faithfulness of God shall be a shield and buckler.**

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*

**nor of the arrow that flies by day;**

6 of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*

**nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**

7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your side, \*

**but it shall not come near you.**

8 Your eyes have only to behold \*

**to see the reward of the wicked.**

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, \*

**and the Most High your habitation,**

10 there shall no evil happen to you, \*

**neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

11 For the angels of God shall have charge over you, \*

**to keep you in all your ways.**

12 They shall bear you in their hands, \*

**lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*

**you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.**

14 “Because they are bound to me in love, \*

**therefore will I deliver them;**

I will protect them, \*

**because they know my name.**

15 They shall call upon me, \*

**and I will answer them;**

I am with them in trouble; \*

**I will rescue them and bring them to honour.**

16 With long life will I satisfy them, \*

**and show them my salvation.”**

17 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.**

*The Reading: Luke 4: 31-37*

He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath. They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm. They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, ‘What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!’ And a report about him began to reach every place in the region.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Responsory:*

**Forsake me not, O Lord;**

**be not far from me, O my God.**

**Forsake me not, O Lord;**

**be not far from me, O my God.**

**Make haste to help me,**

**O Lord of my salvation.**

**Forsake me not, O Lord;**

**be not far from me, O my God.**

**In you, O Lord, have I fixed my hope;**

**you will answer me, O Lord my God.**

**Forsake me not, O Lord;**

**be not far from me, O my God.**

*Affirmation of Faith.*

**Hear, O Israel**

**Hear, O Israel,**

**the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God**

**with all your heart,**

**with all your soul,**

**with all your mind,**

**and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it:**

**Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*The Litany*

God who restores us, may your people be true and faithful servants of Christ.

Source of life, **hear our prayer.**

Bring those who are drawing near to the light of faith to true knowledge of you.

Source of life, **hear our prayer.**

Give our families and friends joy and satisfaction in all that they do.

Source of life, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and sustain those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted or ignored.

Source of life, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to contribute to the true growth and well-being of our country.

Source of life, **hear our prayer.**

Empower the whole human family to live together in justice and peace.

Source of life, **hear our prayer.**

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence*

*The Lord’s Prayer*

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 SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

*The Dismissal*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. Amen.**