**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.**

**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**

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1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, \*
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**Gospel**

## Luke 14:1-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, ‘Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?’ But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. Then he said to them, ‘If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?’ And they could not reply to this.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

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.**