**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips

**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Your faithful servants bless you. **They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
ruler and judge of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of this age that is passing away
may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy
surround our steps as we journey on.
May we reflect your glory this day
and so be made ready to see your face
in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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 for ever. **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

***Psalm of the Week: Psalm 7***

***R:******Give judgement for me***

***according to my righteousness, O Lord.***

**1    O Lord my God, in you I take refuge;**

**save me from all who pursue me, and deliver me,**

**2    Lest they rend me like a lion and tear me in pieces**

**while there is no one to help me.**

**3    O Lord my God, if I have done these things:**

**if there is any wickedness in my hands,**

**4    If I have repaid my friend with evil,**

**or plundered my enemy without a cause,**

**5    Then let my enemy pursue me and overtake me,**

**trample my life to the ground,**

**and lay my honour in the dust.**

**6    Rise up, O Lord, in your wrath;**

**lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies.**

**Awaken, my God, the judgement that you have commanded.**

**7    Let the assembly of the peoples gather round you;**

**be seated high above them: O Lord, judge the nations.**

**8    Give judgement for me**

**according to my righteousness, O Lord,**

**and according to the innocence that is in me.**

**9    Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,**

**but establish the righteous;**

**for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.**

**10  God is my shield that is over me;**

**he saves the true of heart.**

**11  God is a righteous judge;**

**he is provoked all day long.**

**12  If they will not repent, God will whet his sword;**

**he has bent his bow and made it ready.**

**13  He has prepared the weapons of death;**

**he makes his arrows shafts of fire.**

**14  Behold those who are in labour with wickedness,**

**who conceive evil and give birth to lies.**

**15  They dig a pit and make it deep**

**and fall into the hole that they have made for others.**

**16  Their mischief rebounds on their own head;**

**their violence falls on their own scalp.**

**17  I will give thanks to the Lord for his righteousness,**

**and I will make music to the name of the Lord Most High.**

***R:* *Give judgement for me***

***according to my righteousness, O Lord.***

*Lord, your justice turns evil on itself:*

*move us to examine our hearts*

*and repent of all duplicity;*

*for the sake of Jesus Christ,*

*our Judge and righteous Saviour.*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

***After each reading, we will pause for reflection***

Monday: *Isaiah 40:1-11 & Revelation 14:1-13*

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:12-26 & Rev 14:14 – 15:1-end

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:27 – 41:7 & Revelation 16:1-11

Thursday: Isaiah 41:8-20 & Revelation 16:12-end

Friday: Isaiah 41:21 – 42:9 & Revelation 17

**Canticle – Song of the Church**

We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;

all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

**Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin’s womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God’s right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

**Prayers**

*Following each prayer, the following may be said:*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer**

**The Collect of the day is said**

**The Lord’s Prayer is said**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

**The Conclusion**

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**