**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips

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

Blessed are you, creator of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your dawn renews the face of the earth

bringing light and life to all creation,

may we rejoice in this day you have made;

as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,

open our eyes to behold your presence

and strengthen our hands to do your will,

that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*after Lancelot Andrewes (1626)*

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**

***Monday: Psalm 77***

**R: In the day of my trouble I have sought the Lord.**

**1 I cry aloud to God;**

**I cry aloud to God and he will hear me.**

**2 In the day of my trouble I have sought the Lord;**

**by night my hand is stretched out and does not tire;**

**my soul refuses comfort.**

**3 I think upon God and I groan;**

**I ponder, and my spirit faints.**

**4 You will not let my eyelids close;**

**I am so troubled that I cannot speak.**

**5 I consider the days of old;**

**I remember the years long past;**

**6 I commune with my heart in the night;**

**my spirit searches for understanding.**

**7 Will the Lord cast us off for ever?**

**Will he no more show us his favour?**

**8 Has his loving mercy clean gone for ever?**

**Has his promise come to an end for evermore?**

**9 Has God forgotten to be gracious?**

**Has he shut up his compassion in displeasure?**

**10 And I said, ‘My grief is this:**

**that the right hand of the Most High has lost its strength.’**

**11 I will remember the works of the Lord**

**and call to mind your wonders of old time.**

**12 I will meditate on all your works**

**and ponder your mighty deeds.**

**13 Your way, O God, is holy;**

**who is so great a god as our God?**

**14 You are the God who worked wonders**

**and declared your power among the peoples.**

**15 With a mighty arm you redeemed your people,**

**the children of Jacob and Joseph.**

**16 The waters saw you, O God;**

**the waters saw you and were afraid;**

**the depths also were troubled.**

**17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;**

**your arrows flashed on every side;**

**18 The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind;**

**your lightnings lit up the ground;**

**the earth trembled and shook.**

**19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,**

**but your footsteps were not known.**

**20 You led your people like sheep**

**by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

**R:** **In the day of my trouble I have sought the Lord.**

O God our shepherd,

you led us and saved us in times of old;

do not forget your people in their troubles,

but raise up your power

to sustain the poor and helpless;

for the honour of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 49:1-6 & Acts 11:1-18

**Wednesday:** Judges 9:22-end & Luke 16:1-18

**Friday:** 2 Samuel 15:17-21 & John 11:1-16

**Gospel Canticle**

***R: You did not choose me but I chose you***

***and I appointed you to go out and bear fruit, the fruit that shall last.***

**1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,**

**who has come to his people and set them free.**

**2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,**

**born of the house of his servant David.**

**3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old**

**to save us from our enemies,**

**from the hands of all that hate us,**

**4 To show mercy to our ancestors,**

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

**5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:**

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**6 Free to worship him without fear,**

**holy and righteous in his sight**

**all the days of our life.**

**7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,**

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**8 To give his people knowledge of salvation**

**by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

**9 In the tender compassion of our God**

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**10 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 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.**

***R: You did not choose me but I chose you***

***and I appointed you to go out and bear fruit, the fruit that shall last.***

**Prayers**

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

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer**

**The Collect of the day is said**

Almighty God,

whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul

glorified you in their death as in their life:

grant that your Church,

inspired by their teaching and example,

and made one by your Spirit,

may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,

Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer is said**

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**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,

and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**