**Wednesday**

**The Preparation**

Presider O Lord, open our lips

 **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*

 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 forever. Amen

**The Word of God**

**119**
121 I have done what is just and right; \*
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant's good; \*
let not the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation \*
and for your righteous promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to your loving-kindness \*
and teach me your statutes.

125 I am your servant; grant me understanding, \*
that I may know your decrees.

126 It is time for you to act, O Lord, \*
for they have broken your law.

127 Truly, I love your commandments \*
more than gold and precious stones.

## **Reading Of The Gospel**

Gospel Reader:The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Gospel Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, ‘We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.’ Then Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ He answered, ‘You say so.’ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, ‘I find no basis for an accusation against this man.’ But they were insistent and said, ‘He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.’

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## Gospel Canticle

Refrain: **You have looked with favour upon your lowly servant:**

 **From this day, all generations will call her blessed.**

**Magnificat**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on his humble servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed,

the Almighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

and has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

the promise he made to our fathers,

to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

**Amen**

Refrain: **You have looked with favour upon your lowly servant:**

 **From this day, all generations will call her blessed.**

**The Litany**

Presider Let us give glory to God on high,

 Who from his fullness have received grace upon grace.

 For the holy Church of God throughout the world,

 That with one heart we may rejoice in the word made flesh,

 Let us pray in the Spirit

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

Presider For good will in the hearts of all; and on earth peace,

 Let us pray in the Spirit

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

Presider For the poor, the outcast and the homeless,

 The lonely and the unloved, Let us pray in the Spirit

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

Presider For all who have gone before us,

 Whose hope was in the Word made flesh, Let us pray in the Spirit

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

Presider (Any individual prayers…)

 **God of love, hear our prayer**

Presider With the blessed Virgin Mary,

 Saint John and all the host of heaven,

let our voices rise to praise God’s glory

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

**The Collect**

Presider Almighty God,

 Who wonderfully created us in your own image

 And yet more wonderfully restored us

 In your Son Jesus Christ:

 Grant that, as he came to share our human nature,

 So we may be partakers of his divine glory;

 Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever. Amen.

Presider As Our Saviour Christ taught us we are bold to say:

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,Source of all that is and that shall be,Father and Mother of us all,Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.From trials too great to endure, spare us.From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for 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.**