**St Johns Wednesday Morning Prayer**

**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.**

 **Alleluia!**

**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**

**119**
49 Remember your word to your servant, \*
because you have given me hope.

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, \*
that your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, \*
but I have not turned from your law.

52 When I remember your judgments of old, \*
O Lord, I take great comfort.

53 I am filled with a burning rage, \*
because of the wicked who forsake your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to me \*
wherever I have lived as a stranger.

55 I remember your Name in the night, O Lord, \*
and dwell upon your law.

56 This is how it has been with me, \*
because I have kept your commandments.

**The Responsorv**

Presider Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

**All: Fear not, for I have redeemed you.**

**I have called you by name; you are mine.**

Presider When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you walk through fire you shall not be burned.

**All: Fear not, for I have redeemed you.**

**I have called you by name; you are mine.**

Presider You are precious in my sight and I love you.

Do not fear, for I am with you.

**All: Fear not, for I have redeemed you.**

**I have called you by name; you are mine.**

**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 Matthew.

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

Then the disciples came and asked him, ‘Why do you speak to them in parables?’ He answered, ‘To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that “seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.” With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:
“You will indeed listen, but never understand,
   and you will indeed look, but never perceive.
For this people’s heart has grown dull,
   and their ears are hard of hearing,
     and they have shut their eyes;
     so that they might not look with their eyes,
   and listen with their ears,
and understand with their heart and turn—
   and I would heal them.”
But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**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 are struggling tis day with ill health, addiction mental illnesses, 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:

**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.**

**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.**