**Thursday 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.**

**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**

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1 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!  
  
2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.  
  
3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.  
  
4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
  
5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?  
  
6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;  
  
7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:  
  
8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
  
9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.  
  
10 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**The Responsory**

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 the darkest valley, I will be with you.

**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 Mark

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

And if anyone says to you at that time, “Look! Here is the Messiah!” or “Look! There he is!”—do not believe it. False messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But be alert; I have already told you everything.

‘But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
   and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
   and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.  
Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying,

All: “**Lord, have mercy**.”

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**.

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and all people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**.

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**.

For this city (town, village, etc.), for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**.

We also think of those people in our lives who need a special prayer this day and we name them either aloud or in the silence of our hearts… let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We also have our individual concerns that weigh on our hearts, minds and souls and we lift those concerns to you now… let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died and are now with you in heaven we remember them and name them either aloud or in the silence of our hearts… let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering Saint John all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Collect**

Presider O God, the author of peace

And lover of concord, whom to know is eternal life,

Whose service is perfect freedom:

Defend us your servants

Form all assaults of our enemies

That we, trusting in your defense,

May not fear the power of any adversaries;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**