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Grace, mercy and peace

from God the Father, and Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Timothy 1.2

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and forever. Amen.

2 *The Opening Canticle, the Priase of God's Servants*

Come now, praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord:

you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the holy place and praise the Lord:

May the Lord bless you from Zion,

the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 134

3 *The Opening Prayer*

The day is now past and the night is at hand.

Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be kept.

Father of lights, receive the prayer and praise we offer you as our evening sacrifice; make us a light for all the world, delivered by your goodness from all the works of darkness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

The Psalms as appointed.

PSALM 34.1-10,22

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord;

let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me

and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant,

and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me

and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him,

and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good;

happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,

but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants,

and none will be punished who trust in him.

5 *A pause is observed*

Lord of life, by the power of your resurrection, deliver us from all selfishness and bring us to the fullness of your joy; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

MATTHEW 5.1–12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn, or

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

7 *The Canticle, The Song of Mary (Magnificat)*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:

from this day all generations will call me blessed;

The Almighty has done great things for me:

and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him:

from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones:

and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things:

and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:

to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our forebears:

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.47–55

8 *The Apostles' Creed may be said.*

9 *The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy.

10 *The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom,

the power and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

11 *Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

12 *The Evening Collect*

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night: that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest on your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip us with everything good that we may do his will, to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

see Hebrews 13.20, 21