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Preparation

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O Lord our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens is praised

You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

You have made them little lower than the angels and crown them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under their feet,

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the world!

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Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Pray together in Silence

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

Psalm 30 (NIV)

- ¹I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.
- ² LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.
- ³ You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.
- ⁴ Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.
- ⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

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weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. ⁶ When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken." ⁷LORD, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain[c] stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed. ⁸To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: ⁹ "What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness? ¹⁰ Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help." ¹¹ You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, ¹² that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.

LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Luke 8:1-3 (NIV)

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, ² and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come

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out; ³ Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

Prayers

Let us pray together for:

That this and all our days may be full of your praise: we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will keep us this day without sin: we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may walk before you in the paths of righteousness and peace: we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will bless your people and lift them up for ever: we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will guide and protect us by your Holy Spirit and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting: we pray to you, O Lord.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Intercessions are Offered

The social services
All who work in the criminal justice system
Victims and perpetrators of crime
The work of aid agencies throughout the world
Those living in poverty or under oppression

We pray for the Kingdom of God to come

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Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Savior taught us, so we pray:

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

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now and forever.
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.

SOURCES:

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