*Prayer During the Day on Monday*

**Preparation**

O God, make speed to save us.

***All***   **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

***All***   **be acceptable in your sight, O Lord,**

**my strength and my redeemer.**

*Psalm 19.14*

**Praise**

*A hymn, song, canticle, extempore praise or*

I bind unto myself today

the strong name of the Trinity,

by invocation of the same,

the Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all nature hath creation;

eternal Father, Spirit, Word:

Praise to the Lord of my salvation,

salvation is of Christ the Lord.

*from St Patrick’s Breastplate*

**The Word of God**

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| *Week 1* | Psalm 49 |
| *Week 2* | Psalm 65 |
| *Week 3* | Psalm 104.26-end |
| *Week 4* | Psalm 50.1-15 |

*Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

*All*   **Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now,**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Short readings:*

*Week One*

The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother’s womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’ But I said, ‘I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.’

*Isaiah 49.1b-4*

*Week Two*

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body. Honour the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. My child, do not despise the Lord’s discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves the one he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

*Proverbs 3.7-12*

*Week Three*

Jesus said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’

*Mark 4.26-29*

*Week Four*

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

*Matthew 25.19-21*

**Response**

Jesus said, I am the true vine.

***All***   **My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit.**

*John 15.1a,8*

**Prayers**

*A time of prayer, followed by:*

Eternal light, shine into our hearts,

eternal goodness, deliver us from evil,

eternal power, be our support,

eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,

eternal pity, have mercy upon us;

that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength

we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All***   **Amen.**

*Alcuin of York (804)*

*The Lord’s Prayer is said:*

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.

**The Conclusion**

May God bless the work of our hands.

***All***   **Amen.**