

# Daily Prayer

*Feria in Eastertide*

*Wednesday, April 28, 2021*

*We enter into a time of quiet. We offer to God our selves and in the silence know that God embraces us as God's very own. We offer our hopes and our concerns through our prayers and in the silence listen for God. Today we hold in our prayers the ordinary moments in life—the trials and the joys—and remember Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109.*

*We begin by saying*

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

*Matthew 5.12*

## **The First Reading**

But the word of God continued to advance and gain adherents. Then after completing their mission Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem and brought with them John, whose other name was Mark.

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John also to assist them.

*Acts 12.24-13.5a*

## **The Psalm**

May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

*Psalm 67*

## **The Gospel Reading**

Then Jesus cried aloud: 'Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. And I know

that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me.' *John 12.44-50*

*We continue with the reflection that follows. In silence, we ask what the reading has to say to us today. Is there something in the reflection that draws us more deeply into the reading? What does God have to say to us? What do we have to ask God?*

## **The Reflection**

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What do you notice when you read scripture? Is it the story being told? Does a word or a phrase capture your attention? Do you look back to see what came just before or perhaps it is what follows that you look toward?

In today's reading what do you notice? Earlier in the chapter we see passages that we will have heard not so long ago: Mary anointing Jesus' feet. Jesus entering Jerusalem. Those who seek him "Sir, we wish to see Jesus..." Jesus speaking of what is to come and those gathered not willing or able to believe or understand what he said.

And then Jesus cried aloud...

Do you notice the action words that follow? Believe. See. Come. Judge. Hear. Reject. Receive. Serve. And then a hint.

*...but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life...*

What follows we know well, too: Jesus washes his disciples' feet. He tells of the betrayal that will come. And he gives his friends one more thing. Is this what he knows to say, to speak?

*I give you a new commandment that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

Jesus, light of the world points us on the way. Jesus, light of the world points us to the way. And the way is Love. If we follow the one who is the light of the world, we have only to remember to have love for one another.

This day, take time to pause, to be still, to listen. Take time to pause, to be still, to speak. God – the one who is Love - waits for you. What will you hear? What will you see? How will you believe? How will you serve? Where will you show love?

*When the time is right, we conclude our time of silence with the canticle*

## **The Canticle ~ Venite—A Song of Triumph**

O come, let us sing to the Lord; ♦  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ♦  
and be glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God ♦  
and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth ♦  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, ♦  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down ♦  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God; ♦  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Psalm 95.1-7*

*We continue in prayer for those people and situations that we hold up before God (The Intercessions) and continue with the concluding collect, the Lord's prayer and the closing sentences.*

## **The Intercessions**

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,  
"Hear us, Lord of glory!"

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

*Our prayers conclude*

Eternal God,  
your Son Jesus Christ  
is the way, the truth, and the life for all creation;  
grant us grace to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever. Amen.

*[let us pray as our Saviour taught us,]*

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 for ever. Amen

*We conclude*

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.  
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

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