

# Daily Prayer

*Feria*

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

*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.*

*We begin by saying*

O God, make speed to save us.

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

Make me to know your ways, O Lord.

**and teach me your paths.**

## The First Reading

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you,

it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

*2 Kings 2.1, 6-14*

## **The Psalm**

How abundant is your goodness, O Lord,  
which you have laid up for those who fear you; ♦  
which you have prepared in the sight of all  
for those who put their trust in you.

You hide them in the shelter of your presence  
from those who slander them; ♦  
you keep them safe in your refuge from the strife of  
tongues.

Blessed be the Lord! ♦  
For he has shown me his steadfast love  
when I was as a city besieged.

I had said in my alarm,  
'I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.' ♦  
Nevertheless, you heard the voice of my prayer  
when I cried out to you.

Love the Lord, all you his servants; ♦  
for the Lord protects the faithful,  
but repays to the full the proud.

Be strong and let your heart take courage, ♦  
all you who wait in hope for the Lord. *Psalm 31.19-24*

## **The Gospel Reading**

'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

*Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18*

*In silence, we ask what the readings have to say to us today. Is there something that draws us more deeply into the reading? What does God have to say to us? What do we have to ask God?*

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

## **The Canticle ~ Benedicite—A Song of Creation**

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
    who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
    born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
    to save us from our enemies,  
    from the hands of all that hate us,

To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦  
    and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God 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.

And you, 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 all 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.

*Luke 1.68-79*

*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**

We pray for the flourishing of God's gifts to God's Church, saying:  
Holy One,

**in your mercy hear us.**

God our Creator, you give us gifts that we may work together  
in the service of your Son:

bleed the leaders of your Church,  
that they may be firm in faith,  
and humble before you.

Holy One

**in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who teach,  
that they may increase our understanding,  
and be open to your word for them.

Holy One

**in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who minister healing,  
that they may bring wholeness to others,  
yet know your healing in themselves.

Holy One

**in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those through whom you speak,  
that they may proclaim your word in power,  
yet open their ears to your gentle whisper.

Holy One

**in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who work in your world today,  
that in the complexity of their daily lives  
they may live for you, fulfil your purposes,  
and seek your kingdom first.

Holy One

**in your mercy hear us.**

Bless those who are uncertain of their gifts  
and those who are powerless in this world's eyes,  
that they may be made strong in your gift of the Holy Spirit.

Holy One

**hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

*Our prayers conclude*

Lord of all,  
through your power you created us in the beginning  
and through your love you call us back to you each day.  
Open our hearts to the promptings of your Spirit,  
that our lives would be filled with your peace, your joy and your  
righteousness,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*[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 Christ our Saviour give us peace.

**Amen.**

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