

Daily Prayer

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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

The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy";

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD.'

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and
the LORD said to me,
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'

Jeremiah 1.1, 4-10

The Psalm

In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; ♦
let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; ♦
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; ♦
send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, ♦
from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, ♦
my confidence, even from my youth.

Upon you have I leaned from my birth,
when you drew me from my mother's womb; ♦
my praise shall be always of you.

My mouth shall tell of your righteousness
and salvation all the day long, ♦
for I know no end of the telling.

I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord God; ♦
I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

O God, you have taught me since I was young, ♦
and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

Psalm 71.1-6, 15-17

The Gospel Reading

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

Matthew 13.1-9

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 ~ A Song of the Word of the Lord

*Return to the Lord who will have mercy,
to our God, who will richly pardon.*

*Seek the Lord while he may be found, ♦
call upon him while he is near;*

*Let the wicked abandon their ways, ♦
and the unrighteous their thoughts;*

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy; ♦
to our God, who will richly pardon.

'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, ♦
neither are your ways my ways,' says the Lord.

'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, ♦
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

'As the rain and the snow come down from above, ♦
and return not again but water the earth,

'Bringing forth life and giving growth, ♦
seed for sowing and bread to eat,

'So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; ♦
it will not return to me fruitless,

'But it will accomplish that which I purpose, ♦
and succeed in the task I gave it.'

Isaiah 55.6-11

*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.*

*Return to the Lord who will have mercy,
to our God, who will richly pardon.*

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

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.

Our prayers conclude

God our life and our love,
our companion and our goal,
help us to find in our faith in you
such joy as will make living a delight,
such thankfulness as will lead us to wonder
and such hope as will bring us to eternal peace,
through one who though rich became poor,
for the sake of his surpassing love,
even 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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