

Daily Prayer

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Wednesday, October 12, 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

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Galatians 5.16-25

The Psalm

Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked, ♦
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord ♦
and they meditate on his law day and night.

Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, ♦
whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ♦
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the
judgement, ♦
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ♦
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Psalm 1

The Gospel Reading

‘But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practised, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honour in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the market-places. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it.’

One of the lawyers answered him, ‘Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too.’ And he said, ‘Woe also to you lawyers! For

you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them.

Luke 11.42-46

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

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: ♦
bless the Lord all you his hosts;

bless the Lord you waters above the heavens: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord sun and moon: ♦
bless the Lord you stars of heaven;

bless the Lord all rain and dew: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all winds that blow: ♦
bless the Lord you fire and heat;

bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord dews and falling snows: ♦
bless the Lord you nights and days;

bless the Lord light and darkness: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord frost and cold: ♦
 bless the Lord you ice and snow;
bless the Lord lightnings and clouds: ♦
 sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
O let the earth bless the Lord: ♦
 bless the Lord you mountains and hills;
bless the Lord all that grows in the ground: ♦
 sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord you springs: ♦
 bless the Lord you seas and rivers;
bless the Lord you whales and all that swim in the waters: ♦
 sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord all birds of the air: ♦
 bless the Lord you beasts and cattle;
bless the Lord all people on earth: ♦
 sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
O people of God bless the Lord: ♦
 bless the Lord you priests of the Lord;
bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: ♦
 sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: ♦
 bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

The Song of the Three 35-65

*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.*

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 of plenty,
who made the earth to yield its fruit in season
and fashioned it with a beauty that inspires us all,
grant us the gentleness to care for our planet with love,
help us to understand what is best for it,
help us to commit to preserve it for our children
and help us to nurture it, as it nurtures us,
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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