

# Daily Prayer

## *Christmas Feria*

*Wednesday, January 4, 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 hast to help us.**

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with my whole heart;

**I will tell of all your marvellous works.**

## **The First Reading**

Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters.

*1 John 3.7-10*

## The Psalm

Sing to the Lord a new song, ♦  
for he has done marvellous things.

His own right hand and his holy arm ♦  
have won for him the victory.

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, ♦  
the world and all that dwell upon it.

Let the rivers clap their hands ♦  
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world ♦  
and the peoples with equity.

*Psalm 98.1-2, 8-10*

## The Gospel Reading

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

*John 1.35-42*

*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 Messiah**

**To us a child is born,  
to us a son is given.**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; ♦  
*those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
upon them the light has dawned.*

You have increased their joy and given them great gladness; ♦  
*they rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest.*

For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them; ♦  
*the collar that lay heavy on their shoulders.*

For to us a child is born and to us a son is given, ♦  
*and the government will be upon his shoulder.*

And his name will be called: Wonderful Counsellor;  
the Mighty God; ♦  
*the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.*

Of the increase of his government and of peace ♦  
*there will be no end,*

Upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, ♦  
*to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness.*

From this time forth and for evermore; ♦  
*the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.*

*Isaiah 9.2, 3b, 4a, 6, 7*

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.

**To us a child is born,  
to us a son is given.**

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

## **The Intercessions**

Watchful at all times,  
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence  
before our Maker and Redeemer.  
That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among the nations  
his sceptre of righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures  
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the brokenhearted,  
restore the sick  
and raise up all who have fallen,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn  
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the saints in light,  
we may shine forth as lights for the world,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray  
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ  
first came to seek and to save the lost;  
so may he come again to find in us  
the completion of his redeeming work;  
for he is now alive  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*Our prayers conclude*

Heavenly Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
was adored by kings and shepherds,  
was followed by tax collectors and fishermen  
and was preached by visionaries and outcasts  
strengthen us in his service,  
that in our day, his love would draw together people of all races,  
nations and classes  
as one family in your service,  
for the sake of the same 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 the grace of Christ our Saviour be with us all.

**Amen.**



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