

# Daily Prayer

## *Easter Feria*

*Wednesday, May 3, 2023*

*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 Lord, open our lips

**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Let your ways be known upon earth,

**your saving power among the nations.**

## **The First Reading**

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, 'It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.'

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter.

*Acts 15.1-6*

## The Psalm

I was glad when they said to me, ♦  
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’

And now our feet are standing ♦  
within your gates, O Jerusalem;

Jerusalem, built as a city ♦  
that is at unity in itself.

Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, ♦  
as is decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there are set the thrones of judgement, ♦  
the thrones of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ♦  
‘May they prosper who love you.

‘Peace be within your walls ♦  
and tranquillity within your palaces.’

For my kindred and companions’ sake, ♦  
I will pray that peace be with you.

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, ♦  
I will seek to do you good.

*Psalm 122*

## The Gospel Reading

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it

abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

*John 15.1-8*

*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 ~ Jubilate—A Song of Joy**

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; ♦  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God; ♦  
it is he that has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise; ♦  
give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, ♦  
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

*Psalm 100*

*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 and continue with the concluding collect, the Lord's prayer and the closing sentences.*

## **The Intercessions**

In peace, let us pray to Jesus our Lord,  
who ever lives to make intercession for us.

Saviour of the world,  
be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain,  
and bring hope even in the darkest night.  
Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation today.  
*In peace we pray.*

Lord of the Church,  
empower by your Spirit the work of your Church in every land.  
Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in word and deed.  
*In peace we pray.*

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls,  
guide and enable all who lead and serve this community  
and those on whom we depend for our daily needs.  
Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this place.  
*In peace we pray.*

Great Physician,  
stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace  
to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.  
Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels of your healing  
love.  
*In peace we pray.*

Conqueror of death,  
remember for good those whom we love but see no longer.  
Help us to live this day in the sure and certain hope of your eternal  
victory.  
*In peace we pray.*

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God. Amen

*Our prayers conclude*

God of all,  
your being is love  
and your desire is for us to grow in relationship with you.  
Bless us on our journey,  
that as we glorify you in praise and seek you in stillness  
we may come to know you as the end of all our striving  
and come to experience you as our faithful companion on the way,  
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, who bore our sins on the cross,  
set us free to serve him with joy.

**Amen.**



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