

# Daily Prayer

*Feria*

*Wednesday, August 2, 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 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

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Exodus 34.29-35*

## The Psalm

O come, let us sing to the Lord; ♦  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ♦  
and be glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God ♦  
and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth ♦  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, ♦  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.  
Come, let us worship and bow down ♦  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God; ♦  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his  
hand.  
O that today you would listen to his voice: ♦  
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,  
‘When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, ♦  
though they had seen my works.  
‘Forty years long I detested that generation and said, ♦  
“This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways.”  
‘So I swore in my wrath, ♦  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”’

## The Gospel Reading

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

*Matthew 13.44-46*

*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 ~ A Song of Wisdom

Send Wisdom forth from your holy heavens;  
from the throne of your glory  
send what is pleasing to you.

O God of our ancestors and Lord of mercy, ♦  
you have made all things by your word.

By your wisdom you have formed us ♦  
to have dominion over the creatures you have made;

To rule the world in holiness and righteousness ♦  
and to pronounce judgement in uprightness of soul.

Give us the Wisdom that sits by your throne; ♦  
do not reject us from among your servants,

For we are your servants, ♦  
with little understanding of judgement and laws.

Even one who is perfect among us ♦  
will be regarded as nothing

without the wisdom that comes from you.  
With you is Wisdom, she who knows your works, ♦  
and was present when you made the world.  
She understands what is pleasing in your sight ♦  
and what is right according to your commandments.  
Send her forth from the holy heavens, ♦  
from the throne of your glory send her.  
That she may labour at our side ♦  
and that we may learn what is pleasing to you.  
For she knows and understands all things, ♦  
she will guide us wisely in our actions  
and guard us with her glory.

*Wisdom 9.1-5a,c,6,9-11*

*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.*

Send Wisdom forth from your holy heavens;  
from the throne of your glory  
send what is pleasing to you.

*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 eternity,  
whose salvation is known from generation to generation,  
bless those who seek you this day,  
that by discovering more of your truth  
we may learn more deeply the meaning of love,

and by imitating the example of your Son  
we may know the fulfilment that is found in serving others  
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 God grant to the world justice, truth and peace.

**Amen.**



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