

Daily Prayer

Feria

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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

At the evening sacrifice I got up from my fasting, with my garments and my mantle torn, and fell on my knees, spread out my hands to the LORD my God, and said,

'O my God, I am too ashamed and embarrassed to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. From the days of our ancestors to this day we have been deep in guilt, and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been handed over to the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plundering, and to utter shame, as is now the case. But now for a brief moment favour has been shown by the LORD our God, who has left us a remnant, and given us a stake in his holy place, in order that he may brighten our eyes and grant us a little sustenance in our slavery. For we are slaves; yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery, but has extended to us his steadfast love before the kings of

Persia, to give us new life to set up the house of our God, to repair its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judea and Jerusalem.

Ezra 9.5-9

The Psalm

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, ♦
in the city of our God.

His holy mountain is fair and lifted high, ♦
the joy of all the earth.

On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place, ♦
stands the city of the great king.

In her palaces God has shown himself ♦
to be a sure refuge.

For behold, the kings of the earth assembled ♦
and swept forward together.

They saw, and were dumbfounded; ♦
dismayed, they fled in terror.

Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in labour, ♦
as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

As we had heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God: ♦
God has established her for ever.

We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God, ♦
in the midst of your temple.

As with your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; ♦
your right hand is full of justice.

Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be
glad, ♦

because of your judgements, O Lord.

Walk about Zion and go round about her;
count all her towers; ♦

consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,

That you may tell those who come after
that such is our God for ever and ever. ♦

It is he that shall be our guide for evermore.

Psalm 48

The Gospel Reading

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, 'Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.' They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

Luke 9.1-6

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 Deliverance

All the earth, shout and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One.

'Behold, God is my salvation; ♦

I will trust and will not be afraid;
'For the Lord God is my strength and my song, ♦
and has become my salvation.'
With joy you will draw water ♦
from the wells of salvation.
On that day you will say, ♦
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
'Make known his deeds among the nations, ♦
proclaim that his name is exalted.
'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously; ♦
let this be known in all the world.
'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion, ♦
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

Isaiah 12.2-6

*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.*

All the earth, shout and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One.

*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 our calling,
you have summoned us to serve the world with generosity
and to know that in serving others we are serving your Son.
Strengthen all those who follow your way
to remain faithful in prayer and active in service,
that many in our world may experience the gift of your love,
in 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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