

Daily Prayer

Feria

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

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.

Your light springs up for the righteous

and all the peoples have seen your glory.

The First Reading

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds',

he also adds,

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Hebrews 10.11-18

The Psalm

The Lord said to my lord, 'Sit at my right hand, ♦
until I make your enemies your footstool.'

May the Lord stretch forth the sceptre of your power; ♦
rule from Zion in the midst of your enemies.

'Noble are you on this day of your birth; ♦
on the holy mountain, from the womb of the dawn
the dew of your new birth is upon you.'

The Lord has sworn and will not retract: ♦
'You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.'

Psalm 110.1-4

The Gospel Reading

Again he began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.' And he said, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, 'To you

has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that "they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven." '

And he said to them, 'Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.'

Mark 4.1-20

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 New Jerusalem

Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God's glory appears.
Arise, shine out, for your light has come, ♦
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.
Though night still covers the earth, ♦
and darkness the peoples;

Above you the Holy One arises, ♦
and above you God's glory appears.

The nations will come to your light, ♦
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Your gates will lie open continually, ♦
shut neither by day nor by night.

The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your
land, ♦
or ruin and devastation within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, ♦
and your gates, Praise.

No more will the sun give you daylight, ♦
nor moonlight shine upon you;

But the Lord will be your everlasting light, ♦
your God will be your splendour.

For you shall be called the city of God, ♦
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 60.1-3,11a,18,19,14b

*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.*

Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God's glory appears.

*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

For the unity of the Church in witness and proclamation of the
Gospel ...;

let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace and stability of all peoples
and for the leaders of the nations ...;

let us pray to the Lord.

For places of work, education and leisure ...;

let us pray to the Lord.

For a blessing on our homes;

for our relations and friends and all whom we love ...;

let us pray to the Lord.

For the sick and suffering and all who minister to their needs ...;

let us pray to the Lord.

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

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. Amen.

[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

Let us bless the Lord.

Amen.

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