

Daily Prayer

Feria

Wednesday, February 19, 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

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah

removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying.

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And when the LORD smelt the pleasing odour, the LORD said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night,
shall not cease.'

Genesis 8.6-13, 20-22

The Psalm

How shall I repay the Lord ♦
for all the benefits he has given to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation ♦
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord ♦
is the death of his faithful servants.

O Lord, I am your servant, ♦
your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving ♦
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord, ♦
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Alleluia.

Psalm 116.10-17

The Gospel Reading

They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, 'Can you see anything?' And the man looked up and said, 'I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.' Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, 'Do not even go into the village.'

Mark 8.22-26

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.

Isaiab 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 love,

in whom all our wounds are healed

and our suffering is soothed,

send into our spirits your healing mercy,

that all that is hurting within us may be comforted

and all that is broken within us made whole,

that we would be enabled to bring to those we meet

words of encouragement, hope and peace,

through 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

May God, who has called us out of darkness
into his marvellous light,
bless us and fill us with peace.

Amen.

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