

Daily Prayer

Wednesday in Easter Week

Wednesday, April 23, 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.

In your resurrection, O Christ

let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

The First Reading

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

And all the people saw him walking and praising God:
And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful
gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and
amazement at that which had happened unto him.

Acts 3.1-10

The Psalm

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; ♦
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises, ♦
and tell of all his marvellous works.

Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; ♦
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and his strength; ♦
seek his face continually.

Remember the marvels he has done, ♦
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

O seed of Abraham his servant, ♦
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the Lord our God; ♦
his judgements are in all the earth.

He has always been mindful of his covenant, ♦
the promise that he made for a thousand generations:

The covenant he made with Abraham, ♦
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

Psalm 105.1-9

The Gospel Reading

And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

Luke 24.13-35

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 Covenant

I have given you as a light to the nations,
and I have called you in righteousness.

Thus says God, who created the heavens, ♦
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;

Who gives breath to the people upon it ♦
and spirit to those who walk in it,

'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness, ♦
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
'I have given you as a covenant to the people, ♦
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
'To bring out the captives from the dungeon, ♦
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.
'I am the Lord, that is my name; ♦
my glory I give to no other.'

Isaiah 42.5-8a

*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.*

I have given you as a light to the nations,
and I have called you in righteousness.

*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 glory,
your Son's rising fills the world with light
and your people's hearts with joy.
In the exultation of this holy season,
drive from us the darkness of despair and confusion,
that we may live all our days
in the power of the victory over death
of your Son, 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 the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

Amen.

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