

ADAPTED EVENING PRAYER for Thursday, June 18, 2020

Thursday of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time

Preparation

- Consider and set your “prayer space”
 - If you are praying alone, consider finding a quiet, prayerful space. If you are praying with your family or other members of a household, consider gathering around a coffee table or dining table.
 - Add optional items that may enhance your prayer if you desire: a small table with a purple cloth, a lit candle, a cross, holy images or statues.
 - You may want to have a journal available to write down reflections or words as you pray.
 - Lighting affects our mood. Consider dimming the lights or using a lamp instead of bright overheads.
- If you are praying in a group, you may want to assign parts to read along with the livestream. This is a great way to keep children engaged. You may want to consider splitting your “group” in half and alternating reading aloud each paragraph.
- Silence cell phones or tend to things that have the potential to disrupt your prayer time.

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Gathering We take a few moments to quiet our hearts.

Introduction

[All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader begins.]

Leader: God, + come to our assistance.

ALL: Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen. Alleluia.**

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

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1. O God, you search me and you know me.
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



1. All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
2. You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
3. You have known its mean - ing through and through.
4. Still I search for shel - ter from your light.
5. Gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



1. When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
2. And with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
3. You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
4. There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
5. For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



1. Ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
2. In ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
3. God of my pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
4. E - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
5. Safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

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Psalm Psalm 113: Praise of the Lord's Name

Leader: *God has loved us with an everlasting love; therefore, when he was lifted up from the earth, in his mercy he drew us to his heart.*

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
 praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
 both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
 praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,
 above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
 who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
 to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
 from his misery he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
 yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home
 and gladdens her heart with children.

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit:

***ALL: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.***

ALL: God has loved us with an everlasting love; therefore, when he was lifted up from the earth, in his mercy he drew us to his heart.

Silence We sit in sacred silence for a few moments to allow our hearts to listen to the voice of the Spirit.

Psalm-prayer

Leader: Lord Jesus, Word of God, surrendering the brightness of your glory you became man so that we might be raised from the dust to share your very being. May there be innumerable children of the Church to offer homage to your name from the rising of the sun to its setting. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Psalm Psalm 146: The blessedness of those who hope in the Lord

Leader: *Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart.*

My soul, give praise to the Lord;
I will praise the Lord all my days,
make music to my God while I live.

Put no trust in princes,
In mortal men in whom there is no help.
Take their breath, they return to clay
and their plans that day come to nothing.

He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,
who alone made heaven and earth,
the seas and all they contain.

It is he who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free,

the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign forever,
Sion's God, from age to age.

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:

***ALL: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.***

ALL: Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart.

Silence

Psalm-prayer

Leader: God of glory and power, those who have put all their trust in you are happy indeed. Shine the brightness of your light on us, that we may love you always with a pure heart. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Canticle Revelation 4, 5: Redemption hymn

Leader: *I am the Good Shepherd; I pasture my sheep and I lay down my life for them.*

O Lord our God, you are worthy
to receive glory and honor and power.

For you have created all things;
by your will they came to be and were made.

Worthy are you, O Lord
to receive the scroll and break open its seals.

For you were slain;
with your blood you purchased for God
men of every race and tongue,
of every people and nation.

You made them a kingdom,
and priests to serve our God,
and they shall reign on earth.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and praise.

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:

***ALL: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.***

ALL: I am the Good Shepherd; I pasture my sheep and I lay down my life for them.

Short Reading Ephesians 5: 25-27

Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless.

Reflection

Short Responsory

Leader: Christ loved us and washed away our sins with his blood.

ALL: Christ loved us and washed away our sins with his blood.

Leader: He made us a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father.

ALL: Christ loved us and washed away our sins with his blood.

Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Christ loved us and washed away our sins with his blood.

Canticle Magnificat: My soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: *I have come to spread fire on earth, and how I wish it were blazing already.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exults in God my Savior
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted
For the mighty God has done great things for me
And His mercy will reach from age to age

And holy, holy, holy is His name.

He has mercy in every generation
He has revealed his power and His glory
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly
He has come to help His servant Israel
He remembers His promise to our fathers

ALL: I have come to spread fire on earth, and how I wish it were blazing already.

Prayers and intercessions

Leader: Brethren, let us pray to the Lord Jesus, the refuge of our souls; let us ask him:

ALL: Most loving Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, whose heart when pierced by a lance poured forth blood and water and gave birth to your spouse the Church, cleanse and sanctify us.

ALL: Most loving Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, holy temple of God, slain by men and raised up again by the Father, make your Church the dwelling place of the Most High.

ALL: Most loving Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, King and center of all hearts, you love us and lead us to yourself with unending love and mercy, renew your covenant with all men.

ALL: Most loving Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, you unite all in the peace of the new creation and put enmity to death through the cross, show us the path to the Father.

ALL: Most loving Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, our life and resurrection, you refresh the burdened and give rest to the weary, draw all sinners to yourself.

ALL: Most loving Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, because you loved us with so great a love, you were obedient even to death on the cross, raise up again all who sleep in your peace.

ALL: Most loving Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: For what else shall we pray? (Type your intentions in the comments section.)
And for these, we pray,

ALL: Most loving Lord, have mercy on us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Prayer

Leader: Almighty God and Father,
we glory in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, your beloved Son,
as we call to mind the great things his love has done for us.

Fill us with the grace that flows in abundance
from the Heart of Jesus, the source of heaven's gifts.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Dismissal

Leader: May the Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Let us go forth wishing each other peace either in the comments section or with a wave and smile.