

ADAPTED EVENING PRAYER for Thursday, October 15, 2020

Thursday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Memorial of Saint Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor

**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.**

## Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name;  
Let Angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
To crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye Martyrs of your God,  
Who from his altar call;  
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call;  
The God Incarnate, Man Divine,  
And crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue  
To him their hearts enthrall,  
Lift high the universal song,  
And crown him Lord of all.

**Psalm**      Psalm 144: For Victory and Peace

Leader: *He is my comfort and my refuge. In him I put my trust.*

Blessed be the Lord, my rock,  
    who trains my arms for battle,  
    who prepares my hands for war.

He is my love, my fortress;  
    he is my stronghold, my savior  
my shield, my place of refuge.  
    He brings peoples under my rule.

Lord, what is man that you care for him,  
    mortal man, that you keep him in mind;  
man, who is merely a breath  
    whose life fades like a shadow?

Lower your heavens and come down;  
    touch the mountains; wreath them in smoke.  
Flash your lightnings; rout the foe,  
    shoot your arrows and put them to flight.

Reach down from heaven and save me;  
    draw me out from the mighty waters,  
    from the hands of alien foes  
whose mouths are filled with lies,  
    whose hands are raised in perjury.

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: He is my comfort and my refuge. In him I put my trust.***

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

**Psalm**      Psalm 144 (continued)

Leader: *Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord.*

To you, O God, will I sing a new song;  
I will play on the ten-stringed harp  
to you who give kings their victory,  
who set David your servant free.

You set him free from the evil sword;  
you rescued him from alien foes  
whose mouths were filled with lies,  
whose hands were raised in perjury.

Let our sons then flourish like saplings  
grown tall and strong from their youth,  
our daughters graceful as columns,  
adorned as though for a palace.

Let our barns be filled to overflowing  
with crops of every kind;  
our sheep increasing by thousands,  
myriads of sheep in our fields,  
our cattle heavy with young,

no ruined wall, no exile,  
no sound of weeping in our streets.  
Happy the people with such blessings;  
happy the people whose God is the Lord.

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: Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord.***

**Silence**

## Psalm-prayer

Leader: Lord, every day we remember the abundance of your gifts. Grant that we may share with our brothers all the fruits of the earth, and leave an ample provision for those yet to live in the world. At the end, having shared the gifts of this earth with others, may we also share with them an everlasting fellowship with you. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

***ALL: Amen.***

## Canticle      Revelation 11: The judgement of God

Leader: *Now the victorious reign of our God has begun.*

We praise you, the Lord God Almighty,  
who is and who was.  
You have assumed your great power,  
you have begun your reign.

The nations have raged in anger,  
but then came your day of wrath  
and the moment to judge the dead:  
the time to reward your servants the prophets  
and the holy ones who revere you,  
the great and the small alike.

Now have salvation and power come,  
the reign of our God and the authority  
of his Anointed One,  
For the accuser of our brothers is cast out,  
who night and day accused them before God.

They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony;  
love for life did not deter them from death.  
So rejoice, you heavens,  
and you that dwell therein!

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: Now the victorious reign of our God has begun.***

**Short Reading**     1 Corinthians 7:32, 34

An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit.

**Reflection**

**Short Responsory**

The virgins come before the king. They sing for joy.

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They are led into the temple of the king.

– ***The virgins come before the king. They sing for joy.***

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

– ***The virgins come before the king. They sing for joy.***

**Canticle**     Magnificat: My soul rejoices in the Lord

*Leader: Come, bride of Christ, and receive the crown which the Lord has prepared for you.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God, my salvation.  
For he has shown me such favor –  
me, his lowly handmaiden.

Now all generations will call me blessed,  
because the mighty one has done great things for me.  
His name is holy,  
his mercy lasts for generation after generation  
for those who revere him.

He has put forth his strength:  
he has scattered the proud and conceited,  
torn princes from their thrones;  
but lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things;  
the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,  
he has remembered his mercy as he promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

Amen.

***All: Come, bride of Christ, and receive the crown which the Lord has prepared for you.***

## Prayers and intercessions

Leader Christ the Lord praised those who follow the way of virginity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let us proclaim his love and pray:

**All: *Jesus, king of virgins, hear us.***

Christ our Lord, you presented the Church to yourself, as a chaste virgin to her only husband; make her pure, holy and faultless.

**All: *Jesus, king of virgins, hear us.***

Christ Jesus, the holy virgins went to meet you with lamps burning bright; keep alive the flame of fidelity in the hearts of religious women.

**All: *Jesus, king of virgins, hear us.***

Lord, you have always preserved your Church in purity and soundness of faith; grant to all Christians a faith that is true and complete.

**All: *Jesus, king of virgins, hear us.***

You bring joy to the lives of your faithful as they celebrate the feast of your holy virgin Teresa; may they also rejoice in her constant intercession.

**All: *Jesus, king of virgins, hear us.***

You have welcomed your holy virgins to the wedding feast of heaven; invite all the dead to the feast of eternal life.

**All: *Jesus, king of virgins, hear us.***

For what else shall we pray? Please write your intentions into the comments. For these we pray:

**All: *Jesus, king of virgins, hear 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, our Father, you sent Saint Teresa of Ávila  
to be a witness in the Church to the way of perfection.

Sustain us by her spiritual doctrine,  
and kindle in us the longing for true holiness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
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.