

EVENING PRAYER for Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Tuesday of the 1st 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.

Hymn

My Word

My Word is sharper than a two-edged sword,
My Word can penetrate the coldest soul.
My Word is wilder than a raging fire,
My Word can still the storm inside your heart.

**My Word is alive in hope and alive in fear,
alive in joy and alive in tears.
Alive in peace and alive in pain,
alive when all your friends have walked away.
My Word is alive.**

My Word is richer than the finest gold,
My Word is purer than the fallen snow.
My Word is far beyond the faintest star,
My Word is planted deep inside your heart.

Do not fear the strongest storm,
do not fear the darkest night,
do not fear the years to come.

My Word was born into a humble home,
My Word, He laughed, He cried, He started to grow.
My Word spoke to your heart but still He died,
My Word, He suffered death, but now...

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Psalm

Psalm 20: Prayer for victory

Leader: *God has crowned his Christ with victory.*

May the Lord answer in time of trial;
may the name of Jacob's God protect you.

May he send you help from his shrine
and give you support from Sion.
May he remember all your offerings
and receive your sacrifice with favor.

May he give you your heart's desire
and fulfil every one of your plans.
May we ring out our joy at your victory
and rejoice in the name of our God.
May the Lord grant all your prayers.

I am sure now that the Lord
will give victory to his anointed,
will reply from his holy heaven
with the mighty victory of his hand.

Some trust in chariots or horses,
but we in the name of the Lord.
They will collapse and fall,
but we shall hold and stand firm.

Give victory to the king, O Lord,
give answer on the day we call.

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 crowned his Christ with victory.

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

Psalm-prayer

Lord, you accepted the perfect sacrifice of your Son upon the cross. Hear us during times of trouble and protect us by the power of his name, that we who share his struggle on earth may merit a share in his victory. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Psalm Psalm 21: Thanksgiving for victory

Leader: *We celebrate your mighty works with songs of praise, O Lord.*

O Lord, your strength gives joy to the king;
 how your saving help makes him glad!
You have granted him his heart's desire;
 you have not refused the prayer of his lips.

You came to meet him with the blessings of success,
 you have set on his head a crown of pure gold.
He asked you for life and this you have given,
 days that will last from age to age.

Your saving help has given him glory.
 You have laid upon him majesty and splendor,
you have granted your blessings to him forever.
 You have made him rejoice with the joy of your presence.

The king has put his trust in the Lord:
 through the mercy of the Most High he shall stand firm.
O Lord, arise in your strength;
 we shall sing and praise your power.

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

ALL: We celebrate your mighty works with songs of praise, O Lord.

Silence

Psalm-prayer

Father, you have given us life on this earth and have met us with the grace of redemption. Bestow your greatest blessing on us, the fullness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Canticle Revelation 4, 5: Redemption hymn

Leader: *Lord, you have made us a kingdom and priests for God our father.*

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: Lord, you have made us a kingdom and priests for God our father.

Reading 1 John 3: 1, 2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Reflection

Short Responsory

Leader: Your word, O Lord, will endure forever.

ALL: Your word, O Lord, will endure forever.

Leader: Your truth will last from age to age.

ALL: Your word, O Lord, will endure forever.

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

ALL: Your word, O Lord, will endure forever.

Canticle Magnificat: My soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: *My spirit exults in the Lord God, my savior.*

**I will lift my voice, I will raise my hands
To the one who is the great I am!
My soul proclaims the greatness of His name,
And my spirit will rejoice in God my Savior!**

He has looked upon me in His love,
And my name will be forever blessed.
For the Lord, who is mighty, has done great things for me
My soul proclaims, "Holy is His name!"

His mercy flows on every generation
On those who follow in fear
He has scattered the proud and cast the mighty from their thrones
The meek and the lowly are exalted!

He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich he sends away.
He has given help to Israel, remembering his mercy!

ALL: My spirit exults in the Lord God, my savior.

Prayers and intercessions

Leader: Let us praise Christ the Lord, who lives among us, the people he has redeemed,
and let us say:

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, king and ruler of nations, be with all your people and their governments:
inspire them to pursue the good of all according to law.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: You made captive our captivity: to our brothers who are enduring bodily or
spiritual chains, grant the freedom of the sons of God.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May our young people be concerned with remaining blameless in your sight,
and may they generously follow your call.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May our children imitate your example, and grow in wisdom and grace.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Accept our dead brothers and sisters into your eternal kingdom, where we hope to reign with you.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

And for these, we pray,

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

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: We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty,
for bringing us safely to the evening of this day;
we humbly ask that the prayer we make with uplifted hands
may be an offering pleasing in your sight.

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.