

# Morning Prayer

Monday, July 20, 2020

Ordinary Time

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us,  
neither will he keep his anger forever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he set our sins from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,  
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

For he knows of what we are made;  
he remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are but as grass;  
we flourish as a flower of the field;

For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,  
and its place shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old  
and endures forever on those who fear him,

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and his righteousness on children's children;

On those who keep his covenant  
and remember his commandments to do them.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be forever. Amen.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

## *Pray together in Silence*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

### **Psalm 123 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to you,  
to you who sit enthroned in heaven.  
<sup>2</sup>As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,  
till he shows us his mercy.

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<sup>3</sup> Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us,  
for we have endured no end of contempt.

<sup>4</sup> We have endured no end  
of ridicule from the arrogant,  
of contempt from the proud.

## **Psalm 124 (NIV)**

If the LORD had not been on our side—  
let Israel say—

<sup>2</sup> if the LORD had not been on our side  
when people attacked us,

<sup>3</sup> they would have swallowed us alive  
when their anger flared against us;

<sup>4</sup> the flood would have engulfed us,  
the torrent would have swept over us,

<sup>5</sup> the raging waters  
would have swept us away.

<sup>6</sup> Praise be to the LORD,  
who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

<sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird  
from the fowler's snare;  
the snare has been broken,  
and we have escaped.

<sup>8</sup> Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be forever. Amen.**

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## New Testament Reading

### Luke 20:41-21:4 (NIV)

<sup>41</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Why is it said that the Messiah is the son of David? <sup>42</sup> David himself declares in the Book of Psalms:

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

<sup>43</sup> until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>44</sup> David calls him ‘Lord.’ How then can he be his son?”

<sup>45</sup> While all the people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>46</sup> “Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. <sup>47</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

**21** As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. <sup>2</sup> He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. <sup>4</sup> All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

## Prayers

*Let us pray together for:*

Let us pray to God the Father,  
who has reconciled all things to himself in Christ:

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For peace among the nations,  
that God may rid the world of violence  
and let peoples grow in justice and harmony.

For those who serve in public office,  
that they may work for the common good.

For Christian people everywhere,  
that we may joyfully proclaim and live our faith in Jesus Christ.

For those who suffer from hunger, sickness or loneliness,  
that the presence of Christ may bring them  
health and wholeness.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

*Intercessions are Offered*

*We pray for those who suffer*

*We pray for those in need*

*We pray for those who lead*

*We pray for the Kingdom of God to come*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer**

## **Collect**

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,

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which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Savior taught us, so we pray:

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **The Conclusion**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

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Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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