



AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NOONDAY PRAYERS

Friday, October 5, 2018

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins,
we encourage you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

God of abundant love, refresh us in the deep places of our being. Help us to find that still place where we can sense your presence and hear your call to us. Attune our senses to the beauty of your creation. Let us hear you in the healing sounds of winds and waters, and see your majesty in vistas of mountain peaks and valleys. Help us to know how deeply we are loved, and to rest in that love. Amen.

Standing – all who are able.

Minister: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Minister and People:

Glory to God; Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.

PSALM 102 *Domine, exaudi*

1 Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; *
hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
when I call, make haste to answer me,

3 For my days drift away like smoke, *
and my bones are hot as burning coals.

4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, *
so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the voice of my groaning *
I am but skin and bones.

6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, *
like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake and groan; *
I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

8 My enemies revile me all day long, *
and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes for bread *
and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of your indignation and wrath *
you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days pass away like a shadow, *
and I wither like the grass.

12 But you, O Lord, endure for ever, *
and your Name from age to age.

13 You will arise and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to have mercy upon her; *
indeed, the appointed time has come.

14 For your servants love her very rubble, *
and are moved to pity even for her dust.

15 The nations shall fear your Name, O Lord, *
and all the kings of the earth your glory.

16 For the Lord will build up Zion, *
and his glory will appear.

17 He will look with favor on the prayer of the homeless; *
he will not despise their plea.

18 Let this be written for a future generation, *
so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord.

19 For the Lord looked down from his holy place on high; *
from the heavens he beheld the earth;

20 That he might hear the groan of the captive *
and set free those condemned to die;

21 That they may declare in Zion the Name of the Lord, *
and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together, *
and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

23 He has brought down my strength before my time; *
he has shortened the number of my days;

24 And I said, "O my God,
do not take me away in the midst of my days; *
your years endure throughout all generations.

25 In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, *
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

26 They shall perish, but you will endure;
they all shall wear out like a garment; *
as clothing you will change them,
and they shall be changed;

27 But you are always the same, *
and your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants shall continue, *
and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight."

LESSON *Seated.*

A Reading from Hosea (10:1-15).

Israel is a luxuriant vine

that yields its fruit.

The more his fruit increased

the more altars he built;

as his country improved,

he improved his pillars.

Their heart is false;

now they must bear their guilt.

The Lord will break down their altars,

and destroy their pillars.

For now they will say:

'We have no king,

for we do not fear the Lord,

and a king—what could he do for us?'

They utter mere words;

with empty oaths they make covenants;

so litigation springs up like poisonous weeds

in the furrows of the field.

Since the days of Gibeah you have sinned, O Israel;

there they have continued. Shall not war overtake them in Gibeah?

I will come against the wayward people to punish them;
and nations shall be gathered against them
when they are punished for their double iniquity.

Sow for yourselves righteousness;
reap steadfast love;
break up your fallow ground;
for it is time to seek the Lord,
that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

You have ploughed wickedness,
you have reaped injustice,
you have eaten the fruit of lies.
Because you have trusted in your power
and in the multitude of your warriors,
therefore the tumult of war shall rise against your people.
Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel,
because of your great wickedness.

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL *Standing – all who are able.*

Luke 6:12-26

Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is observed following the reading.

MEDITATION *Silent or Spoken.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Standing – all who are able.*

Almighty God, giver of all good things:

We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land.

They restore us, though we often destroy them.

Heal us.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

Forgive us.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

Renew us.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. *Amen.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Minister and People:

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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Padre Nuestro que estás en el
cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino, hágase tu
voluntad, en la tierra como en el
cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada
día. Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros
perdonamos a quienes nos
ofenden. No nos dejes caer en
tentación, y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora
y por siempre. Amén.

我们在天上的父，
愿你的名被尊为圣，愿你的国降临，
愿你的旨意行在地上，
如同行在天上。
我们日用的饮食，
求父今日赐给我们。
又求饶恕我们的罪，
如同我们饶恕得罪我们的人。
不叫我们遇见试探，
拯救我们脱离兇恶。
因为国度、权柄、荣耀，
全是父的，永无穷尽。
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Minister: Loving God, hear our prayer;
People: And let our cry come to you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, in alignment with your love, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.