



Daily Prayer
in
the Fourth Week of Advent

Sunday Daily Prayer

Preparation

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Salus Aeterna

The Word of God

Psalm 112.1-4,7-10

- 1 O praise the Lord. Blessed are they that fear the Lord:
and greatly delight in his commandments.
- 2 Their children shall be mighty in the land:
an upright race who will be blessed.
- 3 Riches and plenty shall be in their house:
and their righteousness shall stand for ever.
- 4 Light arises in darkness for the upright:
gracious and merciful are the righteous.
- 7 They will not fear bad tidings:
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
- 8 Their hearts are confident and will not fear:
they will see the downfall of their enemies.
- 9 They give freely to the poor:
their righteousness stands for ever,
their head is uplifted in glory.
- 10 The wicked shall see it and be angry:
they shall gnash their teeth and consume away;
and the hope of the wicked shall fail.

Reading

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

Zephaniah 3.14, 15b-18a

Response

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Psalm 71.1-6

- 1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness rescue and deliver me:
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.
- 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked:
from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.
- 5 For you, Lord, are my hope:
you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.
- 6 On you have I leaned since my birth:
you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb,
and my praise is of you continually.

Reading

Thus says the Lord: If any of you could break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night would not come at their appointed time, only then could my covenant with my servant David be broken, so that he would not have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with my ministers the Levites. Just as the host of heaven cannot be numbered and the sands of the sea cannot be measured, so I will increase the offspring of my servant David, and the Levites who minister to me.

Jeremiah 33.20-22

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Psalm 142.2-5b, 6-8

1 I call to the Lord with a loud voice:
with loud voice I entreat his favour.
2 I pour out my complaint before him:
and tell him all my trouble.
3 When my spirit is faint within me, you know my path:
in the way where I walk
they have hidden a snare for me.
4 I look to my right hand and see:
but no one will know me;
5 All escape is gone:
and there is no one who cares for me.
6 I call to you, O Lord, I say 'You are my refuge:
you are my portion in the land of the living.'
7 Heed my loud crying, for I am brought very low:
O save me from my persecutors,
for they are too strong for me.
8 Bring me out of the prison-house:
that I may praise your name.

Reading

Samuel was beloved by his Lord;
a prophet of the Lord, he established the kingdom
and anointed rulers over his people.
By the law of the Lord he judged the congregation,
and the Lord watched over Jacob.
By his faithfulness he was proved to be a prophet,
and by his words he became known as a trustworthy seer.

Sirach 46.13-15

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Psalm 97.1-6,10-12

- 1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:
let the multitude of islands be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him:
righteousness and justice
are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him:
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light the world:
the earth sees it and quakes.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before his face:
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:
and all peoples have seen his glory.
- 10 The Lord loves those that hate evil:
the Lord guards the life of the faithful,
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.
- 11 Light dawns for the righteous:
and joy for the true of heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
and give thanks to his holy name.

Reading

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the Lord has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.
But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me,
my Lord has forgotten me.'
Can a woman forget her nursing-child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.
See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are continually before me.

Revelation 22.17,20

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Psalm 2.1-2, 4-9, 11

1 Why are the nations in tumult:
and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?
2 The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers conspire together:
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
4 He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:
the Lord will hold them in derision.
5 Then will he speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury:
'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.'
6 I will announce the Lord's decree,
that which he has spoken:
'You are my son, this day have I begotten you.
7 'Ask of me,
and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:
the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.
8 'You may break them with a rod of iron:
and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
9 Now therefore be wise, O kings:
be advised, you that are judges of the earth.
11 For his wrath is quickly kindled:
blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

Reading

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

Isaiah 40.9-10

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Psalm 33.1-9,11

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
for it befits the just to praise him.
- 2 Give the Lord thanks upon the harp:
and sing his praise to the lute of ten strings.
- 3 O sing him a new song:
make sweetest melody, with shouts of praise.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true:
and all his works are faithful.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice:
the earth is filled with the loving-kindness of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:
and their numberless stars by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathered the waters of the sea as in a water-skin:
and laid up the deep in his treasuries.
- 8 Let the whole earth fear the Lord:
and let all the inhabitants of the world
stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it was done:
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 11 But the counsels of the Lord shall endure for ever:
the purposes of his heart from generation to generation.

Reading

Now you are walled around with a wall;
siege is laid against us;
with a rod they strike the ruler of Israel
upon the cheek.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

Micah 5.1, 3-4a

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Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice;
- 2 O let your ears consider well:
the voice of my supplication.
- 3 If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:
who then, O Lord, could stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with you:
so that you shall be feared.
- 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:
and in his word is my hope.
- 6 My soul looks for the Lord:
more than watchmen for the morning,
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is ample redemption.
- 8 He will redeem Israel:
from the multitude of their sins.

Reading

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me,
'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
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Do not be afraid of them,
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Jeremiah 1.4-8

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