



Advent

18th December - 24th December 2022

Prayer in the Middle of the Day

Sunday Daily Prayer

Preparation

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O Lord, make haste to help us.

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Psalm 119.11

Praise

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Salus Aeterna

The Word of God

Psalm 100

- 1 O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his face with songs of joy.
- 2 Know that the Lord he is God:
it is he who has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.
- 4 For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever:
his faithfulness throughout all generations.

2 Samuel 7.11b-14, 16

¹¹Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Response

Silence

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Matthew 5.6

Prayer

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Amen.

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Psalm 65.1-7

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion:
to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins:
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.
- 3 Blessed are those whom you choose and take to yourself
to dwell within your courts:
we shall be filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.
- 4 You will answer us in your righteousness
with terrible deeds, O God our saviour:
you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the distant seas;
- 5 Who by your strength made fast the mountains:
you that are girded with power;
- 6 Who stilled the raging of the seas,
the roaring of the waves:
and the tumult of the peoples.
- 7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
are afraid at your wonders:
the dawn and the evening sing your praises.

Isaiah 49.13-16

- ¹³ 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.
- ¹⁴ But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me,
my Lord has forgotten me.'
- ¹⁵ 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.
- ¹⁶ See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are continually before me.

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Psalm 19.1-6

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

1 Kings 8.56-58

⁵⁶ 'Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke through his servant Moses. ⁵⁷The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us, ⁵⁸but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our ancestors.

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Psalm 147.12-20

- 12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem:
sing praises to your God, O Zion.
- 13 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates:
and blessed your children within you.
- 14 He makes peace within your borders:
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 15 He sends his command to the earth:
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 16 He gives snow like wool:
and scatters the hoar-frost like ashes.
- 17 He sprinkles his ice like morsels of bread:
and the waters harden at his frost.
- 18 He sends out his word and melts them:
he blows with his wind and the waters flow.
- 19 He made his word known to Jacob:
his statutes and judgements to Israel.
- 20 He has not dealt so with any other nation:
nor have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the Lord.

Micah 4.6-7

- ⁶ On that day, says the Lord,
I will assemble the lame
and gather those who have been driven away,
and those whom I have afflicted.
- ⁷ The lame I will make the remnant,
and those who were cast off, a strong nation;
and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion
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Psalm 37.7-9, 25, 40-41

- 7 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him:
do not be vexed when someone prospers,
when they put their evil purposes to work.
- 8 Let go of anger and abandon wrath:
let not envy move you to do evil.
- 9 For the wicked shall be cut down:
but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.
- 25 I have been young and now am old:
but I never saw the righteous forsaken,
or their children begging their bread.
I searched for them, but they could not be found.
- 40 Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord:
he is their strength in time of trouble.
- 41 The Lord will help them and deliver them:
he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them,
because they come to him for refuge.

Sirach 46.13-15

- ¹³ Samuel was beloved by his Lord;
a prophet of the Lord, he established the kingdom
and anointed rulers over his people.
- ¹⁴ By the law of the Lord he judged the congregation,
and the Lord watched over Jacob.
- ¹⁵ By his faithfulness he was proved to be a prophet,
and by his words he became known as a trustworthy seer.

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Psalm 51.10-17

- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me out from your presence:
do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 O give me the gladness of your help again:
and support me with a willing spirit.
- 13 Then will I teach transgressors your ways:
and sinners shall turn to you again.
- 14 O Lord God of my salvation, deliver me from bloodshed:
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips:
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 16 You take no pleasure in sacrifice, or I would give it:
burnt-offerings you do not want.
- 17 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Isaiah 59.19-21

- ¹⁹ So those in the west shall fear the name of the Lord,
and those in the east, his glory;
for he will come like a pent-up stream
that the wind of the Lord drives on.
- ²⁰ And he will come to Zion as Redeemer,
to those in Jacob who turn from transgression, says the Lord.
- ²¹ And as for me, this is my covenant with them, says the Lord: my
spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth,
shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouths of your
children, or out of the mouths of your children's children, says
the Lord, from now on and for ever.

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Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side,
now may Israel say:
 if the Lord had not been on our side,
 when our enemies rose against us,
- 2 Then they would have swallowed us alive:
 when their anger was kindled against us.
- 3 Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,
and the torrent gone over us:
 the raging waters would have gone clean over us.
- 4 But praised be the Lord:
 who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.
- 5 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:
 the snare is broken, and we have gone free.
- 6 Our help is in the name of the Lord:
 who has made heaven and earth.

Jeremiah 33.20-22

²⁰Thus 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, ²¹only 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. ²²Just 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.

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