



Advent

11th December - 17th 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

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Salus Aeterna

The Word of God

Psalm 139.1-9

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.
- 2 You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.
- 6 Where shall I go from your spirit:
or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I ascend into heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.
- 8 If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me:
and your right hand shall hold me.

Hebrews 10.36-39

³⁶For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. ³⁷For yet 'in a very little while, the one who is coming will come and will not delay; ³⁸but my righteous one will live by faith. My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.' ³⁹But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

Response

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Matthew 5.6

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Psalm 148.7-14

- 7 O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;
- 9 Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.
- 14 His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.

Ephesians 4.1-7

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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Psalm 6

- 1 O Lord, rebuke me not in your indignation:
nor chasten me in your fierce displeasure.
- 2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak:
O Lord, heal me, for my very bones are afraid.
- 3 My soul also is greatly troubled:
and you, Lord—how long will you delay?

- 4 Turn again, O Lord, and deliver my soul:
O save me for your mercy's sake.
- 5 For in death no one remembers you:
and who can give you thanks from the grave?
- 6 I am wearied with my groaning:
every night I drown my bed with weeping,
and water my couch with my tears.
- 7 My eyes waste away for sorrow:
they grow dim because of all my enemies.
- 8 Away from me, all you that do evil:
for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.
- 9 The Lord has heard my supplication:
the Lord will receive my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be put to shame and
greatly dismayed:
they shall turn back and be confounded in a moment.

Romans 3.21-26

²¹ But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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Psalm 76.1-9

- 1 In Judah God is known:
his name is great in Israel.
- 2 At Salem is his tabernacle:
and his dwelling is in Zion.
- 3 There he broke in pieces
the flashing arrows of the bow:
the shield, the sword and the weapons of battle.
- 4 Radiant in light are you:
greater in majesty than the eternal hills.
- 5 The valiant were dumbfounded, they sleep their sleep:
and all the warriors have lost their strength.
- 6 At the blast of your voice, O God of Jacob:
both horse and chariot were cast asleep.
- 7 Terrible are you, Lord God:
and who may stand before you when you are angry?
- 8 You caused your sentence to be heard from heaven:
the earth feared and was still,
- 9 When God arose to judgement:
to save all the meek of the earth.

Romans 14.8b-12

⁸So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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Psalm 82

- 1 God has stood up in the council of heaven:
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement.
- 2 'How long will you judge unjustly:
and favour the cause of the wicked?
- 3 'Judge for the poor and fatherless:
vindicate the afflicted and oppressed.
- 4 'Rescue the poor and needy:
and save them from the hands of the wicked.
- 5 'They do not know, they do not understand,
they walk about in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 'Therefore I say, "Though you are gods:
and all of you children of the Most High,
- 7 ""Nevertheless you shall die like a mortal:
and fall like one of the princes.""
- 8 Arise, O God, and judge the earth:
for you shall take all nations as your possession.

Acts 13.23-26

²³Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; ²⁴before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." ²⁶'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

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Psalm 129

- 1 Many a time from my youth upward
have they fought against me:
now may Israel say,
- 2 Many a time from my youth upward
have they fought against me:
but they have not prevailed.
- 3 They have scored my back as with a ploughshare:
they have opened long furrows.
- 4 But the Lord is righteous:
and he has cut me free from the thongs of the wicked.
- 5 They shall be confounded and turned backward:
all those who hate Zion.
- 6 They shall be as the grass that grows upon the housetops:
which withers before it comes to any good,
- 7 With which no reaper may fill their hand:
nor the binder of sheaves their bosom.
- 8 And none who pass by shall say to them
'The blessing of the Lord be upon you:
we bless you in the name of the Lord.'

1 Corinthians 1.4-9

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Psalm 107.1-3, 10-16

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.
- 2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- 3 And gathered in from every land,
from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.
- 10 Some sat in darkness and in deadly shadow:
bound fast in affliction and iron,
- 11 Because they had rebelled against the words of God:
and scorned the purposes of the Most High.
- 12 So he bowed down their hearts with affliction:
they tripped headlong, with none to help them.
- 13 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.
- 14 He brought them out from darkness and deadly shadow:
and broke their chains in two.
- 15 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;
- 16 For he shatters the doors of bronze:
and cleaves the bars of iron.

2 Timothy 2.8-10

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

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