

Midday Prayer Liturgy – December 9, 2020

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Father God, creator of heaven and earth,
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
God and Father of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ,
True and living God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Have mercy and hear our prayer.

FIRST PRAYERS

O Lord, open our lips.
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever.
Amen. Hallelujah.
O God make speed to save us.
O Lord make haste to help us.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever.
Amen. Hallelujah.

JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have mercy on me a sinner

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 6

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Thessalonians 1

GOSPEL READING: John 7:53–8:11

AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR PEACE

It is Advent. It is the season in which we prepare our hearts
to welcome Christ, who is the bringer of all peace.

We confess to you the ways in which
we block the peace of Christ in our lives.

God of peace, hear our prayer.

The rushing and scurrying to get things done,

we confess to you, O God of peace.

The worry about the little details,

we confess to you, O God of peace.

The financial burdens we put on ourselves,

we confess to you, O God of peace.

The impatience and irritability we feel and take out on one another,

we confess to you, O God of peace.

The bickering and quarreling we get into because we are too busy,

we confess to you, O God of peace.

Though we make ourselves less than peaceful at this time of the year,
your peace is always there for us.

Instill within us your peace, O God.

When we feel overwhelmed,

instill within us your peace, O God.

When we are filled with worry,
instill within us your peace, O God.

When we become irritable,
instill within us your peace, O God.

When the guilt of our ways threatens to overcome us,
help us to remember that we are forgiven in Christ.

Instill within us your peace, O God.

Instill within us your peace, O God.

Instill within us your peace
and help us to make choices that bring us closer to you.

Help us to be more peaceful
so that we may spread Christ's peace and love to others. **Amen.**

THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MERCY

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

CONFESSION OF THE MYSTERY

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.