

## **Midday Prayer Liturgy – May 26, 2021**

### **ADDRESS**

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

**PSALM READING:** Psalm 38

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Deuteronomy 4:25–31

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 15:1–2; Luke 15:11–32

**A PRAYER OF CONFESSION BASED ON ROMANS 8:22-27**

Holy God, we groan at our weaknesses, and we ask forgiveness.  
Your Word is so clear, and your grace is so good.

But we close our ears to your call,  
and with our perverse pride we foul the gifts you have given us.

Like your servant Paul, we know what you require of us;  
yet, like Paul, what we do is not the good we want to do,  
and the evil we do not want to do, that evil we keep on doing.

We mistreat those we love,  
and we dishonor you, the One who made us.

How long, O Lord, will we continue to ignore your will?

Yet you provide streams of living mercy;  
you invite us again and again to live renewed lives.

So we turn once again to the cross,  
to the empty cross, to the stone rolled away,  
to our interceding Lord Jesus Christ seated at your right hand,  
to the gracious gift of your Spirit.

We seek your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

We draw upon your promises,  
and we ask once again simply for mercy.

With your Holy Spirit, sanctify us.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, for we ask it in Christ's name. **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.