

Midday Prayer Liturgy – December 3, 2020

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 2:1–11

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 20:19–26

ADVENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,
you give us your good news
and call us into a new covenant relationship with you.
Help us to prepare the way of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Let the valleys be lifted up!
Draw us away from degrading thoughts and actions,
and lift from us depressions and worry.

[Silent prayer]

Through humble people, prepare your world, O God.
Let the mountains be leveled off!
End our pride and take away our arrogance:
save us from false hope and unwarranted presumption.

[Silent prayer]

Through faithful people, prepare your world, O God.

Let the crooked be made straight!

Forgive our sin, and pardon our wrongdoing;
defeat evil and overcome the power of death.

[Silent prayer]

Through saved people, prepare your world, O God.

Let the rough be made smooth!

Help us grow in understanding,
and give us wisdom to discern that which is good and true.

[Silent prayer]

Through sanctified people, prepare your world, O God.

Let all people see the salvation of our God.

Redeem your world, and make all things new,
and bring us into your holy and perfect presence,
now and for all eternity.

[Silent prayer]

Keep us humble and faithful.

Save us and sanctify us, O God.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. 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.