

Midday Prayer Liturgy – November 4, 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

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 13:10-17

A PRAYER OF LAMENT BASED ON PSALM 22

We hear Jesus say:

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

And we too at times pray:

“Why are you so far from helping me,

from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were saved;

in you they trusted and were not put to shame.”

We hear the words of the ancient psalm even as we see Jesus:

“But I am a worm and not human;

scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me;

they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

‘Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—

let him rescue the one in whom he delights!’”

And we too pray:

“Yet it was you who took me from the womb;

you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near and there is no one to help."

[A Moment of reflection for individual laments]

Remembering Jesus, we declare -- in the midst of our lament,
words of trust and praise:

"I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;

and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.”

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.