



Praying at Home this Sunday

October 18, 2020

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. + **Amen.**

(All briefly call to mind their sins, praising God for his mercy.)

Leader: Lord Jesus, You are the way, the truth, and the life: Lord, have mercy.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, You call us to walk as children of the light: Christ, have mercy.

Response: Christ have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, your glory fills all creation: Lord, have mercy.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Let us pray: (Pause)

O God, whose image we bear

and whose name we carry,

yours is the world and all it contains.

Recall us to our true allegiance,

so that above the powers and rulers of this world

you alone may claim our fullest loyalty and love.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,
whose right hand I grasp,
subduing nations before him,
and making kings run in his service,
opening doors before him
and leaving the gates unbarred:
For the sake of Jacob, my servant,
of Israel, my chosen one,
I have called you by your name,
giving you a title, though you knew me not.
I am the LORD and there is no other,
there is no God besides me.
It is I who arm you, though you know me not,
so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun
people may know that there is none besides me.
I am the LORD, there is no other.

The word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

R. (7b) Give the Lord glory and honor.

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
awesome is he, beyond all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are things of nought,
but the LORD made the heavens.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,
give to the LORD glory and praise;
give to the LORD the glory due his name!
Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Worship the LORD, in holy attire;
tremble before him, all the earth;
say among the nations: The LORD is king,
he governs the peoples with equity.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you,
remembering you in our prayers,

unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love
and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ,

before our God and Father,

knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God,
how you were chosen.

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

The word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went off

and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.

They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying,

"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man

and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion,

for you do not regard a person's status.

Tell us, then, what is your opinion:

Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

Knowing their malice, Jesus said,

"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?

Show me the coin that pays the census tax."

Then they handed him the Roman coin.

He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"

They replied, "Caesar's."

At that he said to them,

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

and to God what belongs to God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Discussion Questions:

1. (Paul) Who are the people who inspire you with their faith and hope?
2. (Matthew) How do the opinions of others affect you?
3. (Matthew) What belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God?

Sample Intercessions:

1. For leaders of the church, in joy may they dedicate their lives to serving God in truth and to caring for God's people, especially the most vulnerable: we pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For governments of the world, may they serve their people with integrity and honesty: we pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For those burdened by financial hardship, may they be given opportunities and assistance in supporting themselves and their families: we pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For all who are sick, especially Ted Madson and all those with the corona virus: we pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For the elderly and their caregivers, may they know the care and compassion of God and live in dignity and comfort: we pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
6. For those who have died, may they be welcomed into the wedding banquet of heaven with joy: we pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
7. For all members of this parish community, may we steward our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to build up the church of God and to help those in need: we pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray together as Jesus taught:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

**Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if you are already there
and unite myself wholly to You.**

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, in your Word, you provide us with nourishment for the journey of faith. Hear our prayers that we might be filled with peace and strengthened in hope to go forth and proclaim your gospel.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sign of the Cross +