

Lenten Midday Prayer – February 24, 2021

Preparation

L: We cast our burdens upon you, O Lord,

C: and you will sustain us.

L: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

C: and renew a right spirit within us.

L: Cast us not away from your presence

C: and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

L: Give us the joy of your saving help again

C: and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

L: Blessed are you, O Lord, day by day,

C: the God of our salvation who bears our burdens.

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-4

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon

Prayers

L: With confidence and trust let us pray to the God of the prodigal, saying, "God of mercy, hear our prayer."

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all whom we have injured or offended, God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

L: Let us pray. God of power and love look kindly on the tasks we have begun, and at this midday hour renew your grace within us: make good our defects, and bring our work to that fulfilment which accords with your will.

Through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Please share a wave of peace with each other.