Monday Morning Prayer — Lent 2020

Penitential Rite

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Psalm 51:18.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

*Silence is kept*.

**Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness; to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. Amen.**

Opening sentences

Lord, open our lips

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to you, source of all being, eternal word and holy spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

Invitatory

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

**O come, let us worship.**

**I will exalt you my God.**

**I will praise your name for ever and ever.**

**You are faithful to all your promises**

**and loving toward all you have made.**

**You uphold all those who fall,**

**and lift up all who are bowed down.**

**The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.**

**You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

**Let every creature praise your holy name for ever and ever.**  *Psalm 145*

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Proclamation of the Word

*Psalm, read or sung. At the conclusion:*

**Glory to you, source of all being, eternal word and holy spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

[*Reading from the Hebrew scriptures, if desired. At the conclusion:*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**]

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*Gospel reading.*

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*Reading from Reflections for Lent 2020, if desired.*

*Silence is kept*.

*Time of shared reflection.*

Prayers

For a day of fulfilment and peace, we pray to you,

**Lord, have mercy.**

That you would teach us to love others as you have loved us, we pray to you,

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the courage to do your will in a troubled world, we pray to you,

**Lord have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that it would be a faithful witness, we pray to you,

**Lord have mercy.**

For those who are lonely or sick, hungry or ignored, we pray to you,

**Lord have mercy.**

That you would loose the chains of injustice, set the oppressed free, and break every yoke, we pray to you,

**Lord have mercy.**

For the healing of creation, we pray to you,

**Lord have mercy.**

*Spoken prayers of thanksgiving, intercession or lament.*

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.**

The Sending

**May the peace of Christ go with you where He may send you.**

**May He guide you through the wilderness, and protect you through the storm.**

**May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.**

**May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**