

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Versicles

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;
hear me and answer me.

Evening, morning, and noon
I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you;
He will never let the righteous fall.

**Glory be 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.**

Reading

Psalm 135

¹Praise the LORD!
Praise the name of the LORD,
 give praise, O servants of the LORD,
²who stand in the house of the LORD,
 in the courts of the house of our God!
³Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
 sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
⁴For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,
 Israel as his own possession.
⁵For I know that the LORD is great,
 and that our Lord is above all gods.
⁶Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,
 in heaven and on earth,
 in the seas and all deeps.
⁷He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,
 who makes lightnings for the rain
 and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.
⁸He it was who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
 both of man and of beast;
⁹who in your midst, O Egypt,
 sent signs and wonders
 against Pharaoh and all his servants;
¹⁰who struck down many nations
 and killed mighty kings,
¹¹Sihon, king of the Amorites,
 and Og, king of Bashan,
 and all the kingdoms of Canaan,
¹²and gave their land as a heritage,
 a heritage to his people Israel.
¹³Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
 your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
¹⁴For the LORD will vindicate his people
 and have compassion on his servants.
¹⁵The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
 the work of human hands.
¹⁶They have mouths, but do not speak;
 they have eyes, but do not see;
¹⁷they have ears, but do not hear,
 nor is there any breath in their mouths.
¹⁸Those who make them become like them,
 so do all who trust in them!
¹⁹O house of Israel, bless the LORD!
 O house of Aaron, bless the LORD!
²⁰O house of Levi, bless the LORD!
 You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!
²¹Blessed be the LORD from Zion,
 he who dwells in Jerusalem! Praise the LORD!

Reading

Luke 5:1–16

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

¹²While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." ¹³And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." ¹⁵But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. ¹⁶But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Devotion

O Lord,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ,
have mercy upon us.
O Lord,
have mercy upon us.

C 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.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer

Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayer

Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to the epidemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy's sake we pray.

Amen.

Benediction (Aaronic)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

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