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# NOON PRAYER - HOLY WEEK

Monday, March 25, 2024

## Opening Sentences

O God, open my lips,

**And my mouth shall proclaim your praise. (Psalm 51)**

Those who wait for God shall renew their strength,

**They shall mount up with wings like eagles:**

They shall run and not be weary,

**They shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40)**

## Prayer

Let us pray:

**Sustaining God, in the midst of our day,**

**And embraced by your world**

**We call upon your wisdom;**

**We draw upon your strength**

**We rely upon your grace.**

**Help us to continue faithfully in your way,**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit**

**And in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Hymn “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

**V 382**

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9** p. 660

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 12:1-11 p. 1250**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

**HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Silent Reflection**

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### Thanksgiving

Generous and loving God, we thank you for your blessings without number,

We bless you for the beauty of creation:

For day and night, for summer and winter,

For sun and rain, for seed-time and harvest;

For your bounty supplying all our needs.

We bless you for protecting us in our weakness,

And renewing our strength of spirit;

For guiding us as we resist evil, and calling us to your truth, and to your service.

We praise you for sending Jesus to be among us:

For his life on earth, his suffering and death.

For his resurrection to new life and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Grant, O God, that our hearts may grow in thankfulness

For these and all your gifts of grace,

So that as the people of new life, we may proclaim your praise

In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Intercessions** *Using response:* Gracious God, hear our prayer;

**And in your love, answer.**

Compassionate God,

Hear us as we pray:

For your church and its varied ministries ....

For the work of justice and the healing of creation ....

For the care of strangers, neighbors, family, friends.

For those isolated by sickness, sorrow, violence, fear ....

For those broken by the world. ...

For those who face death ....

Generous and compassionate God,

In your loving purpose, answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes;

And in all things for which we pray,

Give us grace and wisdom to accept your will,

For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus  
Christ. **Amen.**

Bless God's name. **Thanks be to God.**

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Please join us for these services this week:

Noon Prayer services will continue each day through Friday this week.

We will have a Maundy Thursday service with communion and  
Tenebrae on Thursday evening at 7pm.

On Easter Sunday there will be a Sunrise Service at 6am at the gazebo  
on the Town Green. Our Easter morning worship service, with  
Choir and trumpets, will be at 9:30am.



F Bb Bbm F Bb G7 C

1 Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 1 Souf - fle du Dieu vi - vant, a - ni - me tout en moi,  
 2 Souf - fle du Dieu vi - vant, viens pu - ri - fier ma foi,

F (C F) Bb Gm F C7 F

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til my will is one with thine, to do and to en - dure.  
 que ton a - mour me rende ai - mant, ser - vant ain - si que toi.  
 que ce soit ton vou - loir puis - sant qui s'ac - com - plisse en moi.

3 Breathe on me, breath of God,  
 till I am wholly thine,  
 until this earthly part of me  
 glows with thy fire divine.

3 Souffle du Dieu vivant,  
 mets ton feu dans mon coeur;  
 que tout en moi soit rayonnant  
 de ton éclat, Seigneur.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God:  
 so shall I never die,  
 but live with thee the perfect life  
 of thine eternity.

4 Souffle du Dieu vivant,  
 écarte enfin la mort;  
 que pour jamais, dès maintenant,  
 j'appartienne au Dieu fort.

