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THE ORDER OF MID-DAY PRAYER  
MARCH 25, 2020  
*THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH*  
*REFLECTIONS ON THE FOUNDATION AND REALITIES OF LIFE IN CHRIST*  
*WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT .... EPHESIANS 5:8-14*

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PRELUDE

THE RINGING BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

INVITATORY

P: The Lord has redeemed His people.

**C: O COME, LET US WORSHIP HIM.**

GLORIA PATRI

**C: 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, UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN.**

PSALMODY

P: Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**C: SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE.**

Psalm 45:7-17

*(read in unison)*

**C: YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED WICKEDNESS.  
THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU  
WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS BEYOND YOUR COMPANIONS;  
YOUR ROBES ARE ALL FRAGRANT WITH MYRRH AND ALOES AND CASSIA.  
FROM IVORY PALACES STRINGED INSTRUMENTS MAKE YOU GLAD;  
DAUGHTERS OF KINGS ARE AMONG YOUR LADIES OF HONOR;  
AT YOUR RIGHT HAND STANDS THE QUEEN IN GOLD OF OPHIR.  
HEAR, O DAUGHTER, AND CONSIDER, AND INCLINE YOUR EAR:  
FORGET YOUR PEOPLE AND YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE,  
AND THE KING WILL DESIRE YOUR BEAUTY.  
SINCE HE IS YOUR LORD, BOW TO HIM.  
THE PEOPLE OF TYRE WILL SEEK YOUR FAVOR WITH GIFTS,  
THE RICHEST OF THE PEOPLE.**

**ALL GLORIOUS IS THE PRINCESS IN HER CHAMBER, WITH ROBES INTERWOVEN WITH GOLD.**

**IN MANY-COLORED ROBES SHE IS LED TO THE KING,  
WITH HER VIRGIN COMPANIONS FOLLOWING BEHIND HER.**

**WITH JOY AND GLADNESS THEY ARE LED ALONG  
AS THEY ENTER THE PALACE OF THE KING.**

**IN PLACE OF YOUR FATHERS SHALL BE YOUR SONS;  
YOU WILL MAKE THEM PRINCES IN ALL THE EARTH.**

**I WILL CAUSE YOUR NAME TO BE REMEMBERED IN ALL GENERATIONS;  
THEREFORE NATIONS WILL PRAISE YOU FOREVER AND EVER.**

**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, UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN.**

P: Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**C: SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE.**

Psalm Prayer

*(you may be seated)*

P: The Lord delivers us from the power of darkness,

**C: AND LEADS US INTO THE KINGDOM OF HIS SON.**

Psalm 67 (read responsively by verse)

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,

**C: THAT YOUR WAY MAY BE KNOWN ON EARTH, YOUR SAVING POWER AMONG ALL NATIONS.**

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

**C: LET THE NATIONS BE GLAD AND SING FOR JOY, FOR YOU JUDGE THE PEOPLES WITH EQUITY AND GUIDE THE NATIONS UPON EARTH.**

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

**C: THE EARTH HAS YIELDED ITS INCREASE; GOD, OUR GOD, SHALL BLESS US.**

P: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

**C: 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, UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN.**

P: The Lord delivers us from the power of darkness,  
**C: AND LEADS US INTO THE KINGDOM OF HIS SON.**

## Psalm Prayer

### OFFICE READING

Luke 1:26–38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, <sup>33</sup>and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the Child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

### APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED. HE DESCENDED INTO HELL. THE THIRD DAY, HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD. HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY. FROM THENCE HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.**

### KYRIE

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.**

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

**C: CHRIST, HAVE MERCY UPON US.**

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### PRAYERS

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

P: Let us pray ....

O Lord, as we have known the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of the angel to the virgin Mary, so by the message of His cross and passion bring us to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord

**C: AMEN.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: AMEN.**

P: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

**C: AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION.**

P: Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness:

**C: AND LET YOUR SAINTS SHOUT FOR JOY.**

P: Lord, keep this nation under Your care,

**C: AND GUIDE US IN THE WAY OF JUSTICE AND TRUTH.**

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**C: FOR YOU JUDGE THE PEOPLES WITH EQUITY AND GUIDE THE NATIONS UPON THE EARTH.**

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

**C: LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU!**

P: For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

**C: AND THE HOPE OF THE POOR SHALL NOT PERISH FOREVER.**

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C: AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.**

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C: LET MY CRY COME TO YOU.**

P: Let us pray ... ..

Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree of the cross so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world, and through Your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign, God forever.

**C: AMEN.**

### BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### SERMON READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

### SERMON

### BENEDICTION

P: The Lord Almighty – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.

**C: AMEN.**

