

# Daytime Liturgy - A Wee Worship Book

July 8, 2020

## Opening Responses

*Leader:* The world belongs to the lord,  
*ALL:* THE EARTH AND ALL ITS PEOPLE.  
*Leader:* How good and lovely it is  
*ALL:* TO LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY.  
*Leader:* Love and faith come together,  
*ALL:* JUSTICE AND PEACE JOIN HANDS.  
*Leader:* If the Lord's disciples keep silent,  
*ALL:* THESE STONES WOULD SHOUT ALOUD.  
*Leader:* Lord, open our lips  
*ALL:* AND OUR MOUTHS SHALL PROCLAIM YOUR PRAISE.

## Prayer of confession

*Leader:* Holy God, Maker of all,  
*ALL:* HAVE MERCY ON US.  
*Leader:* Jesus Christ, Son of Mary,  
*ALL:* HAVE MERCY ON US.  
*Leader:* Holy Spirit, breath of life,  
*ALL:* HAVE MERCY ON US.  
*Leader:* Turn again, O Lord, and give us life  
*ALL:* THAT YOUR PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN YOU.  
*Leader:* Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
*ALL:* AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.  
*Leader:* Give us again the joy of your help  
*ALL:* WITH YOUR SPIRIT OF FREEDOM SUSTAIN US.

*Leader:* And now, as Jesus taught us, we say,  
*ALL:* *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.*

## **Word of God**

*Leader:* Let us listen for the Word of the Lord  
*ALL:* OUR EARS ARE OPEN.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

*Leader:* *Thanks be to God.*  
*ALL:* AMEN.

## **Prayer of concern**

*Leader:* Let us pray.

Let us pray for those who hunger in this land:  
Whose only kitchen is a soup kitchen,  
Whose only food is what others don't want,  
Whose diet depends on luck, not on planning

*(Pause)*

Lord, feed your people.  
Using our skills and conscience,  
And eradicate from our politics and private lives  
The apathy to hunger which comes from over-eating.

*ALL:* Let us pray for the hungry and the fed.  
LORD HAVE MERCY.

*Leader:* Let us pray for the hungry in other lands,  
Where economies, burdened by debt,  
Cannot respond to human need:  
Or where fields are farmed for our benefit  
By low-waged workers courted for starvation.

*(Pause)*

Lord, feed your people,  
Even if rulers must cancel debt,  
And shareholders lose profit,  
Or diners restrict their choice  
In order that all may be nourished.

*ALL:* Let us pray for the hungry and the fed  
LORD HAVE MERCY.

*Leader:* Let us pray for the hungry for justice,  
Who document inequalities,  
Demonstrate against tyranny.  
Distinguish between need and greed,  
And are sometimes misrepresented or persecuted in the process.

*(Pause)*

May their labour not be in vain  
And may we be counted in their number.

*ALL:* Let us pray for the hungry and the fed.  
LORD HAVE MERCY.

## Closing responses

*Leader:* For all that God can do within us,  
For all that God can do without us,  
*ALL:* THANKS BE TO GOD

*Leader:* For all in whom Christ lived before us,  
For all in whom Christ lives beside us,  
*ALL:* THANKS BE TO GOD.

*Leader:* For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
For where the Spirit wants to send us,  
*ALL:* THANKS BE TO GOD.

*Leader:* Listen,  
Christ has promised to be with us  
In the world as in our worship.  
*ALL:* AMEN.  
WE GO TO SERVE HIM.