



Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

Friday, June 8, 2018 ❖ 8:30 am

† signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(responsive)

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you:
as the day rises to meet the sun.

Glory 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.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee:
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

† HYMN

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Folk Spiritual

I am a poor way-far-ing stran-ger, while trav'l-ing through this world of
 woe. Yet there's no sick-ness, toil, nor dan-ger in that bright world to which I
 go. I'm go-ing there to see my fa-ther, I'm go-ing there no more to
 roam. I'm on-ly go-ing o-ver Jor-dan; I'm on-ly go-ing o-ver home.

PSALTER

Psalm 39:11-13

(responsive)

Give ear to our cry, O Lord: listen to your children praying.

Take your affliction from me:

I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us:
truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry:

hold not your peace at my tears.

For I am but a sojourner with you:

a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again:

before I go my way and am no more.”

Give ear to our cry, O Lord: listen to your children praying.

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 11:13-19 (CEB)

Now, if you completely obey God’s commandments that I am giving you right now, by loving the Lord your God and by serving him with all your heart and all your being, then he will provide rain for your land at the right time—early rain and late rain—so you can stock up your grain, wine, and oil. He will also make your fields lush for your livestock, and you will eat and be satisfied. But watch yourselves! Otherwise, your heart might be led astray so you stray away, serving other gods and worshipping them. Then the Lord’s anger would burn against you. He will close the sky up tight. There won’t be any rain, and the ground won’t yield any of its crops. You will quickly disappear off the wonderful land the Lord is giving to you. Place these words I’m speaking on your heart and in your very being. Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol. Teach them to your children, by talking about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up.

Acts 5:27-42 (CEB)

The apostles were brought before the council where the high priest confronted them: “In no uncertain terms, we demanded that you not teach in this name. And look at you! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are determined to hold us responsible for this man’s death.” Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than humans! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God has exalted Jesus to his right side as leader and savior so that he could enable Israel to change its heart and life and to find forgiveness for sins. We are witnesses of such things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” When the council members heard this, they became furious and wanted to kill the apostles. One council member, a Pharisee and teacher of the Law named Gamaliel, well-respected by all the people, stood up and ordered that the men be taken outside for a few moments. He said, “Fellow Israelites, consider carefully what you intend to do to these people. Some time ago, Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and some four hundred men joined him. After he was killed, all of his followers scattered, and nothing came of that. Afterward, at the time of the census, Judas the Galilean appeared and got some people to follow him in a revolt. He was killed too, and all his followers scattered far and wide. Here’s my recommendation in this case: Distance yourselves from these men. Let them go! If their plan or activity is of human origin, it will end in ruin. If it originates with God, you won’t be able to stop them. Instead, you would actually find yourselves fighting God!” The council was convinced by his reasoning. After calling the apostles back, they had them beaten. They ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, then let them go. The apostles left the council rejoicing because they had been regarded as worthy to suffer disgrace for the sake of the name. Every day they continued to teach and proclaim the good news that Jesus is the Christ, both in the temple and in houses.

Give ear to our cry, O Lord: listen to your children praying.

In his *Rule* for monastic community, Benedict of Nursia wrote, “The first step of humility is to cherish at all times the sense of awe with which we should turn to God.”

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

LORDS PRAYER

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Lord, send us forth into the day to rejoice in all things, to trust you in all circumstances, and to proclaim your coming kingdom to all people. Amen.

SENDING MUSIC

May the Peace of the Lord Go With You

Words: Celtic Book of Prayer; Music: Julie Janisch

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and folk-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: Wher - ev - er he may send you; may he guide you through the wil - der-ness: pro - tect you through the storm; may he bring you home re - joic-ing: at the won - ders he has shown you; may he bring you home re - joic-ing: once a - gain in - to our doors."

NOTES:

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