

Daytime Liturgy - A Wee Worship Book

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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.

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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.