



The Diocese of Rupert's Land

Morning and Mid-Day Prayer



Team Rupert's Land: Courage, Connection, and Change

"Speaking truth in love, growing together into Christ our head." (Ephesians 4:15)

Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17
Masonic Memorial Centre
420 Corydon Avenue

Morning Prayer for Friday, October 16
according to Pray without Ceasing

Introductory Responses *¶ Please rise in body or spirit.*

Leader Lord, open our lips,
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
Leader O God, make speed to save us.
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**
Leader Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
People **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Psalm 33:1–12 *¶ Please be seated.*



Cantor RE-JOICE in the Lord, you | right-eous :
it is good for the just | to sing prai-ses.
People **Praise the Lord with the | harp :
play to God upon the | psalt-er-y and^lyre.**
Cantor Sing for God a new | song :
sound a fanfare with all your skill up- | on the trum-pet.
People **For the word of the Lord is | right :
and all the | works of God are^sure.**
Cantor God loves righteousness and | jus-tice :
the loving-kindness of the Lord | fills the whole earth.
People **By the word of the Lord were the heavens | made :
by the breath of God's mouth all the | heav-en-ly hosts.**
Cantor God gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a | wa-ter^skin :
and stores up the | depths of the sea.
People **Let all the earth fear the | Lord :
let all who dwell in the world | stand in awe of^God.**
Cantor For God spoke, and it came to | pass :
God commanded, | and it stood fast.
People **The Lord brings the will of the nations to | naught :
thwarting the designs | of the peo-ples.**
Cantor But the will of the Lord stands fast for | ev-er :
and the designs of God's | heart from age to^age.
People **Happy is the nation whose God is the | Lord :
happy the people cho- | sen to be God's^own.**
Cantor Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy | Spi-rit :
All **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for | ev-er. A-men.**

The First Lesson *Ephesians 1.11–14* ¶ Please be seated

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

IN CHRIST we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when

you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Responsory

Leader Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

People Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

Leader Make haste to help me, O Lord of my salvation.

People Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

Leader In you, O Lord, have I fixed my hope; you will answer me, O Lord my God.

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The Second Lesson *Luke 12.1–7* ¶ *Please rise in body or spirit*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

MEANWHILE, when the crowd gathered in thousands, so that they trampled on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, ‘Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, their hypocrisy. ²Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ³Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the house-

tops. ⁴I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. ⁵But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! ⁶Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. ⁷But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

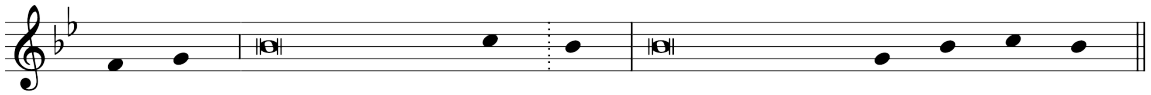
Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Song of Zechariah



Cantor BLESS-ED are you, Lord, the God of | Is-ra-el :
you have come to your peo- | ple and set them free.



People **You have raised up for us a mighty | Sa-viour :
born of the house of your | ser-vant Da-vid.**

Cantor Through your holy | pro-phets :
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of | all who hate us :

People **to show mercy to our | fore-bears :
and to remember your | ho-ly co-ven[^]ant.**

Cantor This was the oath you swore to our father | A-bra[^]ham :
to set us free from the hands | of our e-nem[^]ies,

People **free to worship you without | fear :
holy and righteous before you, all the | days of our life.**

Cantor And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most | High :
for you will go before the Lord | to pre-pare the[^]way,

People **to give God's people knowledge of sal- | va-tion :
by the for | give-ness of their[^]sins.**

Cantor In the tender compassion of our | God :
the dawn from on high shall | break up-on us,

People **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of | death :
and to guide our feet in- | to the way of[^]peace.**

Cantor Glory to the Father, and to the | Son : and to the | Ho-ly Spi-rit:

All **as it was in the beginning, is | now : and will be for | ev-er. A-men.**

The Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third
day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand
of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

Bible Study (*Questions on p. 6*)

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world, trusting in the God who calls
us to courage, draws us into connection, and leads us through change.

God of courage, strengthen your Church to speak the truth in love, to resist temptation to fear, and to follow where your Spirit leads. Give wisdom to all bishops, clergy, and lay leaders, and all who share in the councils of your Church. Where difficult decisions must be made, give patience, courage, and humility. Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Leader God of connection, bind us more deeply to you and to one another. Pour out your blessing on the parishes, ministries, communities, and people of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. Teach us to attentively listen across differences, to honour the gifts each person brings to your service, and to remember that we belong to one Body in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

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Leader God of change, be present wherever old patterns are passing away and new possibilities are emerging. Give us grace neither to cling fearfully to what has been nor to pursue change for its own sake, but to faithfully discern the work to which you are calling us. Help us to release what no longer gives life, to preserve what is good and holy, and to receive with hope the new thing you are doing among us. Lord, in your mercy,

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Leader God of compassion, bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; give peace to those who are anxious, grieving, lonely, or afraid; and courage to all who face challenges they did not choose. Give comfort to those who are weary, companionship to those who feel alone, and hope to those whose future feels uncertain. Lord, in your mercy,

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Leader We remember before you those who have asked for our prayers, and those known to us now in the silence of our hearts. And remember those, Lord, whom we have forgotten. Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Leader God of every generation, we give you thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, whose courage and skill has strengthened the witness and ministry of this Diocese, whose relationships have sustained its life, and whose willingness to embrace change with boldness has opened new paths for those

who followed. Grant that, with them and with all your saints, we may remain faithful to the end. Lord, in your mercy,

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Leader God of courage, connection, and change, make us attentive to the movement of your Spirit during this Synod. Give us courage to speak and grace to listen; deepen the bonds that unite us, and lead us into the changes that will make us more faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Mold us into a diocese marked by trust, generosity, truth, and hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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 for ever. Amen.

Conclusion

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Bible Study Questions for Friday, October 16

Choose one of the two options

Option One

1. Jesus tells the disciples, "Do not fear those who kill the body" (Luke 12:4). What are some ways fear holds back your parish or community from faithful action?
2. Jesus warns against hypocrisy, but also reminds the disciples that they are completely known and deeply valued by God. How might knowing that we are secure in God's care give us courage to be honest with one another or give us boldness to act courageously?

Option Two

1. Jesus says that what is hidden will eventually be revealed. What might this passage teach us about facing change honestly rather than protecting the status quo?
2. If we trusted more deeply that God knows us, values us, and holds our future, what might we have the courage to change (in our parishes, in our diocese, and in ourselves) and what connections would we need in order to do it faithfully?

Mid-Day Prayer for Friday, October 16
according to the Book of Alternative Services

Leader O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Leader Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Psalm 19:1–6 ¶ *Please be seated.*

Leader The heavens declare the glory of God :

People **and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord.**

Leader One day tells its tale to another :

People **and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Leader Although they have no words or language :

People **and their voices are not heard,**

Leader their sound has gone out into all lands,;

People **and their message to the ends of the world.**

Leader In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun :

People **it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

Leader It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;

People **nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

Leader Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:

People **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Leader O God, the source of all life, you have filled the earth with beauty. Open our eyes to see your gracious hand in all your works, that rejoicing in your whole creation we may learn to serve you with gladness, for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lesson *Luke 10:38–42* ¶ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

NOW AS THEY WENT ON THEIR WAY, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that

my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Reader The Gospel of Christ

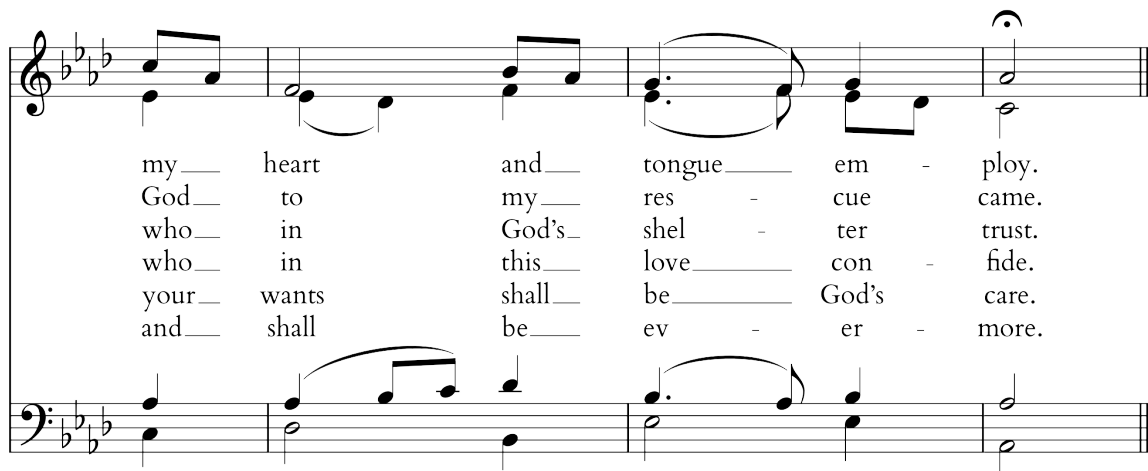
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Hymn *Through All the Changing Scenes of Life*

1. Through all the chang - ing scenes of life,
 2. O mag - ni - fy the Lord with me,
 3. The guard - ian hosts en - camp a - round
 4. O make but tri - al of God's love;
 5. Fear God, you saints, and you will then
 6. To Fa - ther, Son and Spi - rit blest,

in trou - ble and in joy,
 ex - alt the sa - cred name;
 the dwell - ings of the just;
 ex - per - ience will de - cide
 have no - thing else to fear;
 the God whom we a - dore

the prai - es of my God shall still
 when in dis - tress to heaven I called,
 de - liv - erance they pro - vide to all
 how blest and fav - oured are they all
 let ser - vice be your life's de - light;
 be glo - ry, as it was, is now



Salutation and Lesser Litany

Leader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Leader Let us pray.
Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Prayers of the People

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
 ¶ *Silence.*
Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.**
Leader For our communities, for this country, and for the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**
Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**
Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and those in need.**
Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**
Leader For Naboth our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in the Church.**
Leader For our own needs and those of others.

¶ *Silence. You are invited to add your own petitions.*

Leader Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

¶ Silence. You are invited to add your own thanksgivings.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our king;
People **And praise your name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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Leader Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,
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 for ever. Amen.**

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Ignatius of Antioch (c. 115)
according to Pray without Ceasing

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Psalm 20 and 21.1–7 ¶ *Please be seated.*



Psalm 20

Cantor May the Lord answer you in the | day of trouble :
the name of the God of | Ja-cob de-fend you;

People **send you help from the holy place | of the Lord :
and strengthen you | out of Zion;**

Cantor remember | all your offerings :
and accept | your burnt sacrifice;

People **grant you your | heart's de-sire *
and prosper | all your plans.**

Cantor We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the name | of our God :
may the Lord grant all | your re-quests.

People **Now I know that you, O Lord, give victory to | your a-nointed :
whom you will answer out of the heavenly realms
with the victorious strength of your | might-y hand.**

Cantor Some put their trust in chariots and | some in horses :
but we will call upon the name of the | Lord our God.

People **They collapse | and fall down :
but we will arise and | stand up-right.**

Cantor O Lord, give victory to | your a-nointed :
and answer us | when we call.

Psalm 21

People **The king rejoices in your | strength, O Lord :
how greatly he exults | in your victory!**

Cantor You have given him his | heart's de-sire :
you have not denied him the request | of his lips.



People For you meet him with blessings | of pros-perity :
and set a crown of fine gold u- | pon his head.

Cantor He asked you for life, and you | gave it to him :
length of days, for | e-ver and ever.

People His honour is great, because | of your victory :
splendour and majesty have you be- | stowed u-pon him.

Cantor For you will give him ever- | last-ing fe-licity :
and will make him glad with the | joy of your presence.

People For the king trusts in | you, O Lord :
because of your loving-kindness, O Most High, he | will not fall.

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for | e-ver. A-men.

The First Lesson *Romans 8.35–39*

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

WHO WILL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be

slaughtered.' ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth,

Reader The word of the Lord.

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The Responsory

Leader Your salvation is near to those who fear you; that glory may dwell in our land.

People Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.

Leader Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

People Your salvation is near to those who fear you;
that glory may dwell in our land.

Leader You are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

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The Second Lesson *John 12.23–26 ¶ Please rise in body or spirit*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

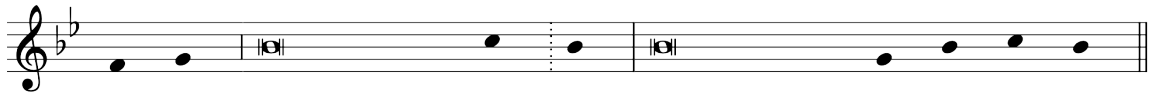
JESUS ANSWERED THEM, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and

those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

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Leader Almighty God, we praise your Name for your bishop and martyr Ignatius of Antioch, who offered himself as grain to be ground that he might present to you the pure bread of sacrifice. Accept, we pray, the willing tribute of our lives and give us a share in the pure and spotless offering of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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Conclusion

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Bible Study Questions for Saturday, October 17

Choose one of the two options

Option One

1. How does striving to live a Christ-centred life affect the way you think about courage?
2. Paul names hardship, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and sword. What does it mean to say that none of these things can separate us from the love of Christ?

Option Two

1. Jesus says that a grain of wheat must fall into the earth and die before it can bear much fruit. What kind of “dying” is he speaking about? How can we tell the difference between something that needs to be faithfully preserved and something we may need to let go of so that new life can emerge?
2. Where might we already see signs of new life emerging from changes that initially felt like loss?

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People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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Psalm 124 ¶ *Please be seated.*

Leader If the Lord had not been on our side :
let Israel now say;

People **if the Lord had not been on our side :
when enemies rose up against us;**

Leader then would they have swallowed us up alive :
in their fierce anger toward us;

People **then would the waters have overwhelmed us :
and the torrent gone over us;**

Leader then would the raging waters :
have gone right over us.

People **Blessed be the Lord :
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

Leader We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler :
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

People **Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:

People **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Leader Helper and Defender of Israel, rescue the peoples of the world from destructive anger, and set us free to love and serve each other in the peace of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lesson *Luke 12.8–12* ¶ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

JESUS SAID, 'And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; ⁹but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. ¹⁰And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against

the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. ¹¹When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; ¹²for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say.'

Reader The Gospel of Christ

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Hymn *Take My Life and Let It Be*

1. Take my life and let it be con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to_ thee;
2. Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3. Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa - ges from thee;
4. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be_ no long - er_ mine;
5. Take my love: my Lord, I pour at thy feet_ its trea - sure store;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.
take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be_ thy roy - al throne.
take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Salutation and Lesser Litany

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Prayers of the People ¶ *A period of silence follows each petition.*

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.
Lord, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.
Lord, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,
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 for ever. Amen.**

Conclusion

Leader Let us bless the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

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