

# New Zealand Morning Prayer

## Monday, October 18, 2021

**The Preparation:** I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

Leader: Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

People: **Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might,  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

**A Song of Praise** (read in unison)

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \* praise him and highly exalt him forever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \* praise him and highly exalt him forever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*praise him and highly exalt him forever.

*Leader:* Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us praise and worship God who has called us together. Let us celebrate God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love. Together we shall confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven. As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives. In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service. All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us of our Savior Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear these words of scripture: *One of the following sentences is read.*

As God who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

or

If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.

If we confess our sins, God is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

or

Love one another, for love is of God,  
and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Let us pause in silence, and remember our need for God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins to God.

**Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart. We have not loved others as our Savior Christ loves us. We are truly sorry. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive our sins, strengthen us by the Holy Spirit, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

**The Ministry of the Word:**

O come, let us sing to the Lord,

**let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.**

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;

**and tell of your salvation from day to day.**

We proclaim your glory to the nations,

**your praise to the ends of the earth.**

**Psalm 103:15-22**

15 Our days are like the grass; \* we flourish like a flower of the field;  
16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, \* and its place shall know it no more.  
17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, \*  
and his righteousness on children's children;  
18 On those who keep his covenant \* and remember his commandments and do them.  
19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \* and his kingship has dominion over all.  
20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, \* and hearken to the voice of his word.  
21 Bless the Lord, all you hosts, \* you ministers of his who do his will.  
22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; \* bless the Lord, O my soul.  
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.

**The Lessons**

**The First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-12**

1 Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple towards the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. 2 Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and the water was coming out on the south side. 3 Going on eastwards with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. 4 Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. 5 Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. 6 He said to me, 'Mortal, have you seen this?' Then he led me back along the bank of the river. 7 As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on one side and on the other. 8 He said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. 9 Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. 10 People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. 11 But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. 12 On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 19: A Song of the Redeemed**

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, \*surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \* O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? \* for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \* because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
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.

**The Second Reading: Luke 1:1-4**

1 Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us,<sup>2</sup> just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word,<sup>3</sup> I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,<sup>4</sup> so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

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**The Apostles' Creed: (read in unison)**

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,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

The Lord be with you.  
**The Lord bless you.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray

**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.**

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,  
**your saving power among all peoples.**  
Renew your Church in holiness,  
**and help us to serve you with joy.**  
Guide the leaders of this and every nation,  
**that justice may prevail throughout the world.**  
Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,  
**nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Make us instruments of your peace,  
**and let your glory be over all the earth.**

#### **A Collect of the Day: St. Luke**

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **For the Human Family**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **For Prisons and Correctional Institutions**

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. **Amen.**

#### **For the Victims of Addiction**

Blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. **Amen.**

*Please offer your thanksgivings or prayer requests, either silently or aloud. You can also type them to share with others if you like.*

#### **Collect for Morning:**

Holy and ever-living God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **The Dismissal:**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.**

Let us go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**