

# New Zealand Morning Prayer

## Friday, October 8, 2021

**The Preparation:** I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." *Luke 15:18, 19*

**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 142

1 I cry to the Lord with my voice; \* to the Lord I make loud supplication.  
2 I pour out my complaint before him \* and tell him all my trouble.  
3 When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; \* in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.  
4 I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; \* I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.  
5 I cry out to you, O Lord; \* I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."  
6 Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; \* save me from those who pursue me,  
for they are too strong for me.  
7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; \*  
when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## The Lessons

### The First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

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: Matthew 9:27-34

27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" 28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." 30 And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, "See that no one knows of this." 31 But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district. 32 After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to him. 33 And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, "Never has anything like this been seen in Israel." 34 But the Pharisees said, "By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons."

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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: Pentecost, Proper 22**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**For Use of Leisure Time**

O God, you rested the seventh day and are still at work; in the course of this busy life give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation. **Amen.**

**For Peace**

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. **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.**