

Lent Day 27

Morning Office (observed between 6-9am)

The Call to Prayer

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;*-
I will sing and make melody.
Awake, my soul! Ps 108:1

The Request for Presence

You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore Ps. 16:11

The Greeting

¹ Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD. Ps 119:1

The Refrain for Morning Lesson

² Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart Ps 119:2

The Reading

32 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'
Mark 13:32-37

The Refrain for Morning Lesson

² Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart Ps 119:2

Morning Psalm

- ²⁶ When I told of my ways, you answered me;
teach me your statutes.
- ²⁷ Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.
- ²⁸ My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word.
- ²⁹ Put false ways far from me;
and graciously teach me your law Ps 119:26-29

The Refrain for Morning Lesson

- ² Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart Ps 119:2

Lord's Prayer

Prayer for the Week

Lord God, Creator of the Universe, Father of the Son, Lord of our Lives, as we enter week four of Lent deeper our commitment to you. Give us the faith to serve you in the world. Give us the faith to be Cross Bearers for the sake of the Gospel. Amen and Amen and Amen. Let it be so!

Concluding Prayer

Loving Lord, as the new day dawn fill my heart with compassion for the lost and the lonely. Protect people who are faced with everyday evil. As a troubled world is present, walk with me and give me comfort today in the name of Jesus your most precious Son. Amen.

Midday Office (observed 11am to 2 PM)

The Call to Prayer

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions. Ps 51:1

The request for Presence

You bestow on him blessings forever;
you make him glad with the joy of your presence Ps. 21:6

Greeting

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments. Ps 119:10

Refrain for Midday Lesson

¹¹ I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you. Ps 119:11

Reading

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another
John 15:12-17

Refrain for Midday Lesson

¹¹ I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you. Ps 119:11

Midday Psalm

³⁰ I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your ordinances before me.

³¹ I cling to your decrees, O LORD;
let me not be put to shame.

³² I run the way of your commandments,
for you enlarge my understanding. Ps 119:30-32

Refrain for Midday Lesson

¹¹ I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you. Ps 119:11

Lord's Prayer

Prayer for the Week

Lord God, Creator of the Universe, Father of the Son, Lord of our Lives, as we enter week four of Lent deeper our commitment to you. Give us the faith to serve you in the world. Give us the faith to be Cross Bearers for the sake of the Gospel. Amen and Amen and Amen. Let it be so!

Concluding Prayer of the Church

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing: I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen. John Wesley

Vespers Office (to be observed 7-10 pm)

Call to Prayer

The LORD has heard my supplication;
the LORD accepts my prayer Ps.6:9

Request for Presence

You bestow on him blessings forever;
you make him glad with the joy of your presence Ps. 21:6

Greeting

¹⁷ Deal bountifully with your servant,
so that I may live and observe your word. Ps 118:17

Hymn

Verse 1

**Saviour like a shepherd lead us
Much we need thy tender care
In thy pleasant pastures feed us
For our use thy folds prepare
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us thine we are
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us thine we are**

Verse 2

**We are thine do thou befriend us
Be the guardian of our way
Keep thy flock from sin defend us
Seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Hear O hear us when we pray
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Hear O hear us when we pray**

Verse 3

**Thou hast promised to receive us
Poor and sinful though we be
Thou hast mercy to relieve us
Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Early let us turn to thee
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Early let us turn to thee**

Verse 4

**Early let us seek thy favour
Early let us do thy will
Blessed Lord and only Saviour
With thy love our beings fill
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Thou hast loved us love us still
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Thou hast loved us love us still**

Refrain for Vesper Lesson

²⁵ My soul clings to the dust;
revive me according to your word. Ps 119:25

Vesper Psalm

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain Ps 119:23-26

Refrain for Vesper Lesson

²⁵ My soul clings to the dust;
revive me according to your word. Ps 119:25

Lord's Prayer

Prayer of the week

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Concluding Prayer of the Church

O God, grant me serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference;
living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; Serenity Prayer
taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.