Daily Prayer Form

The Liturgy Letter

(Third Sunday in Lent - Year A)

O God make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” –Mark 8:34

Hymn – Come Holy Spirit | *Leadsheet*

Come, Holy Spirit, Come
With energy divine,
And on this poor, benighted soul
With beams of mercy shine

Melt, melt this frozen heart;
This stubborn will subdue;
Each evil passion overcome,
And form me all anew

Mine will the profit be,
But Thine shall be the praise;
And unto Thee will I devote
the remnant of my days

Words: Benjamin Beddome, 1900
Music: ABBEVILLE, by E.J. King, 1844

Confession

**During the season of Lent it is appropriate to kneel or stand during confession.*

Let us confess our sins to God.

Come, Holy Spirit of God,
And search our hearts with the light of the risen Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgment;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Silence

May the God of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
And raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Opening Psalm: Psalm 63:1-7

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have seen you in the sanctuary,
and beheld your power and your glory.

Because your love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live,
and in your Name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be satisfied as with the richest of foods,
and with joyful lips my mouth shall praise you,

When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you through the watches of the night.

Because you have been my help,
I will sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.

Gloria Patri

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.

Psalm of the Week

Psalm 95 (NIV)

1 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
3 For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
7 for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.
Today, if only you would hear his voice,
8 “Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,
9 where your ancestors tested me;
they tried me, though they had seen what I did.
10 For forty years I was angry with that generation;
I said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they have not known my ways.’
11 So I declared on oath in my anger,
‘They shall never enter my rest.’”

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Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
(Please stand)

John 4:5-42

(a short silence is kept after the reading of the Gospel)

Te Deum Laudamus (You are God, We Praise You)

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
    heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
    Father, of majesty unbounded,
    your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
    and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
    Come then, Lord, and help your people,
    bought with the price of your own blood,
    and bring us with your saints
    to glory everlasting.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sisters and brothers, our baptism calls us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world:

God of all creation, full of love and abounding in mercy;
May the whole earth be filled with your glory.
Lord, bless and guide all ministers of your church;
Clothe them in righteousness and grant them wisdom.
Direct the leaders of our government;
That they may act in accordance with your kingdom.
Enlarge our own hearts, O Lord,
To love the things that you love
May we proclaim your light
In every place where there is darkness.
May we proclaim your Holy Name
In every aspect of our lives.
We pray for those in sickness, grief, persecution,
bondage, fear, or loneliness, and for all of our own needs;

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Intercessions (Spontaneous prayers - say "out loud" the names of those who come to mind that you would like to bring before God.)

o We pray for the people of...(countries or regions)

o We pray for our sisters and brothers...(churches, Christians, spiritual leaders)

o We pray for friends, relatives, and neighbors

o We pray for the day and its tasks, individuals in need, the world and its needs, and for the Church and her life.

To God be all honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**If praying with others, stand and hold hands. If praying individually, stand with hands open and outstretched in the sign of the Orans.*

Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother; For Thou art blessed unto ages of ages.
Amen.

Benediction

Let us go in peace to serve the Lord and follow his son Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Trisagion Doxology or Traditional (Old 100th)

Glory to the Father
Son and Holy Spirit
Now and forever
And to the ages
Amen.