

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Pet 5:5b-7

Wrap yourselves in humility to be servants of each other, because God refuses the proud and will always favour the humble. Bow down, then, before the power of God now, and he will raise you up on the appointed day; unload all your worries on to him, since he is looking after you.

SHORT RESPONSORY

R. Guard us, Lord, as the apple of your eye. **Repeat R.**

V. Hide us in the shadow of your wings. **R.** Glory be. **R.**

Magnificat ant. Show the power of your arm, Lord; put down the proud and exalt the lowly.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,
The mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Give praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
To the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever, Amen.

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INTERCESSIONS

We pray for all who with us share faith in Jesus Christ and love for his name:

R. Lord graciously hear us.

1. For a hastening of the day when the separate Churches can share the Body of the Lord at the same table. Lord, hear us. **R.**
2. For a richer appreciation of the gifts of God's graces in our fellow Christians and in their Churches. Lord, hear us. **R.**
3. For all who pray and study and work to heal the divisions among God's people. Lord, hear us. **R.**
4. For inter-Church families, who have such a special vocation in overcoming hostility and misunderstanding between Christian traditions. Lord, hear us. **R.**
5. For all who are repelled from believing in Christ by the scandal of Christian disunity. Lord, hear us. **R.**
6. *Pause for those who wish to add an intercession*
7. Grant to the dead eternal glory. Lord, hear us. **R.**

Let us pray for the coming of God's Kingdom as Jesus taught us to pray: **OUR FATHER**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour, and the joy of those who love: we humbly ask your protection for the work of healing the divisions among your people, and we trust you to guide us to take to heart that, where there is a variety of gifts among your people, there is but one Spirit, bestowed on us all: in Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **R. Amen.**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

EVENING PRAYER - Wednesday

V. O God, come to our aid

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be 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. Alleluia.

HYMN: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.



PSALMODY

Ant. 1: We are waiting in hope for the blessings of the glorious coming of our Saviour.

Peace in God

Psalm 61 (62)

May the God of hope fill you with all peace as you believe in him (Rom 15:13)

In God alóne is my sóul at rést; *
my hélp comes from him.
He alóne is my róck, my stróngthold,*
my fórtress: I stand firm.

How lóng will you áll attack one mán*
to bréak him dówn,
as thóugh he were a tóttling wáll,*
or a túmbling fénce?

Their plán is ónly to destróy:*
they take pléasure in lies.
With their móuth they útter bléssing*
but in their héart they cúrse.

In God alóne be at rést, my sóul;*
for my hópe comes from him.
He alóne is my róck, my stróngthold,*
my fórtress: I stand firm.

In Gód is my sáfety and glóry,*
the róck of my stréngth.
Take réfuge in Gód all you péople.*
Trúst him at ál times.
Póur out your héarts befóre him*
for Gód is our réfuge.

Cómmon folk are ónly a bréath,*
gréat men an illúsiún.
Pláced in the scáles, they ríse;*
they weigh léss than a bréath.

Dó not put your trúst in oppréssiún*
nor vain hópes on plúnder.
Dó not set your héart on ríches*
even whén they incréase.

For Gód has sáid ónly óne thing:*
only twó do I knów:
that to Gód alóne belongs pówer*
and to yóu, Lord, lóve;
and that yóu repáy each mán*
accórding to his déeds.

Glory be 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.

Ant: We are waiting in hope for the blessings of the glorious coming of our Saviour.

Ant. 2: Let God bless us; let his face shed its light upon us.

All the peoples will give praise to the Lord **Psalms 66 (67)**
Let it be known to you that this salvation from God has been sent to all peoples
(Acts 28:28)

O Gód, be grácious and bléss us*
and let your fáce shed its líght upón us.
So will your wáys be knówn upon éarth*
and all nátiún learn your sáving hélp.

Let the péoples práise you, O Gód;*
let ál the péoples práise you.

Let the nátiún be glád and exúlt*
for you rúle the wórld with jústice.
With fáirness you rúle the péoples,*
you guíde the nátiún on éarth.

Let the péoples práise you, O Gód;*
let ál the péoples práise you.



The éarth has yíelded its frúit*
for Gód, our Gód, has bléssed us.
May Gód still give us his bléssing*
till the énds of the éarth revére him.

Let the péoples práise you, O Gód;*
let ál the péoples práise you.

Glory be 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.

Ant: Let God bless us; let his face shed its light upon us.

Ant. 3: All things were created in him and he holds all things in being

Christ is the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead **Canticle: Col 1:12-20**

Let us give thanks to the Father, †
who has qualified us to share*
in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness*
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption,*
the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God,*
the firstborn of all creation,
for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,*
visible and invisible.

All things were created*
through him and for him.
He is before all things,*
and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church,*
he is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,*
that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,*
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,*
making peace by the blood of his cross.

Glory be 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.

Ant. All things were created in him and he holds all things in being