WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit
(cf. John 15:5-9)

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INTRODUCTION TO THE WEEK OF PRAYER AND THE SERVICE

INVITATION TO PRAYER

GATHERING SONG

Come Down, O Love Divine

1. Come down, O Love divine, Seek now this soul of mine, And visit it with your own ardor glowing;
2. O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
3. And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long, Shall far out-pass the pow’r of human telling;

O Comforter, draw near, With-in my heart appear, And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing,
And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight, And clothe me round, the while my path illumining,
No soul can guess Love’s grace Till it become the place Where-in the Holy Spir-it makes a... dwell-ing.

Text: Discendi, Amor Satis, Bianco da Sirto, d. 1434; tr. by Richard F. Littledale, 1833-1890
Tune: DOWN AMPEIY, 66.11 D; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

WORD OF WELCOME

LITANY OF PRAISE

R. You who call us to be praise in the midst of the earth: glory to you!
THE FIRST VIGIL

Abiding in Christ: The unity of the whole person

PSALM 103

All

1 My soul, give thanks to the Lord
   all my being, bless his holy name.
2 My soul, give thanks to the Lord
   and never forget all his blessings.

3 It is he who forgives all your guilt,
   who heals every one of your ills,
4 who redeems your life from the grave,
   who crowns you with love and compassion,
5 who fills your life with good things,
   renewing your youth like an eagle's.

6 The Lord does deeds of justice,
   gives judgment for all who are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways to Moses
   and his deeds to Israel's sons.

8 The Lord is compassion and love,
   slow to anger and rich in mercy.
9 His wrath will come to an end;
   he will not be angry for ever.
10 He does not treat us according to our sins
   nor repay us according to our faults.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth
   so strong is his love for those who fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west
   so far does he remove our sins.

13 As a father has compassion on his sons,
   the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
14 for he knows of what we are made,
   he remembers that we are dust.
15 As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flowers like the flower of the field;  
16 the wind blows and he is gone  
and his place never sees him again.

17 But the love of the Lord is everlasting  
upon those who hold him in fear;  
his justice reaches out to children's children  
18 when they keep his covenant in truth,  
when they keep his will in their mind.

19 The Lord has set his sway in heaven  
and his kingdom is ruling over all.  
20 Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,  
mighty in power, fulfilling his word,  
who heed the voice of his word.

21 Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts,  
his servants who do his will.  
22 Give thanks to the Lord, all his works,  
in every place where he rules.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord!

GOSPEL  
John 15: 1-17

RESPONSORY  
Ubi caritas
INTERCESSIONS

**R. The joy of our heart is in God.**

Very often we think of prayer as something we do, an activity of our own. In this short time we are invited to an interior silence, and to turn aside from all the noise and concerns of our lives and thoughts. In this silence the action belongs to God. We are simply called to abide in God’s love, to rest in him.

**Silence**

**HYMN**

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

1. O Christ the great foundation On which your people stand To preach your true salvation In every age and land: Pour out your Holy Spirit To make us strong and pure, To keep the faith unbroken As long as worlds endure.

2. Baptized in one confession, One church in all the earth, We bear our Lord’s impression, The sign of second birth: One holy people gathered In love beyond our own, By grace we were invited, By grace we make you known.

Text: Timothy T'ingfang Lew, 1891-1947
Tune: AURELIA, 7 6 7 6 D; Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876
THE SECOND VIGIL

The visible unity of Christians

PSALM 85

All

2 O Lord, you once favored your land and revived the fortunes of Jacob,
3 you forgave the guilt of your people and covered all their sins.
4 You averted all your rage, you calmed the heat of your anger.

5 Revive us now, God, our helper!
   Put an end to your grievance against us.
6 Will you be angry with us for ever, will your anger never cease?

7 Will you not restore again our life that your people may rejoice in you?
8 Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

9 I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace,
   peace for his people and his friends and those who turn to him in their hearts.
10 His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

11 Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
12 Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

13 The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
14 Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.
**READING**

*I Corinthians 1: 10-13*

**RESPONSORY**

*There is One Lord*


**INTERCESSIONS**

*R.* Lord, have mercy.

**SIGN OF PEACE**

**HYMN**

*Peace with the Father*

Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919, ©1969.

Tune: SONG 46, 10 10; Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625.
THE THIRD VIGIL

The unity of all peoples and all creation

PSALM 96

All

1 O sing a new song to the Lord,
   sing to the Lord all the earth.
2 O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

   Proclaim his help day by day,
3 tell among the nations his glory
   and his wonders among all the peoples.

4 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
   to be feared above all gods;
5 the gods of the heathens are naught.

   It was the Lord who made the heavens,
6 his are majesty and state and power
   and splendor in his holy place.

7 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
   give the Lord glory and power;
8 give the Lord the glory of his name.

   Bring an offering and enter his courts,
9 worship the Lord in his temple.
   O earth, tremble before him.

10 Proclaim to the nations: "God is king."
   The world he made firm in its place;
   he will judge the people in fairness.

11 Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
   let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
12 let the land and all it bears rejoice,
   all the trees of the wood shout for joy

13 at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
   he comes to rule the earth.
   With justice he will rule the world,
   he will judge the peoples with his truth.
REVELATION 7: 9-12

RESPONSORY

O God, Beyond All Praising

1. O God beyond all praising, We worship you today
2. Then hear, O gracious Savior, Accept the love we bring.

And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;

For we can only wonder At every gift you send,
And whether our tomorrows Be filled with good or ill,

At bles sings without number And mercies without end:
We’ll triumph through our sorrows And rise to bless you still:

We lift our hearts before you And wait upon your word,
To marvel at your beauty And glory in your ways,

We honor and adore you, Our great and mighty Lord.
And make a joyful duty Our sacrifice of praise.

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Tune: THAXTED, 13 13 13 13 13 13; Gustave Holst, 1874-1934

HOMILY

Silence
INTERCESSIONS

*R.* God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever.

Spirituality and solidarity are inseparably linked. Prayer and action belong together. When we abide in Christ, we receive the Spirit of courage and wisdom to act against all injustice and oppression.

With this in mind, let us say together the prayer you find in your worship aid:

*R.* Pray and work that God may reign.
Throughout your day
let the Word of God breathe life into work and rest.
Maintain inner silence in all things
so as to dwell in Christ.
Be filled with the spirit of the Beatitudes:
joy, simplicity, mercy.
Blessing

Brothers and sisters:
Be one, so that the world may believe!
Abide in his love,
go into the world and bear the fruits of this love.

Join me now in praying the final prayer in your worship aid:

*R.* May the God of hope fill us with all joy
and all peace in faith,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
In the name of the Father, the Son

Closing Hymn

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, And
2. For he descend ed here to bring From
3. There is one Body and one Hope, One
4. Then walk in love as Christ has loved Who
5. For us Christ lived, for us he died And

Christ shall give you light. So learn his love-- its
sin and fears re lease, To give the Spirit's
Spirit and one Call, One Lord, one Faith, and
died that he might save; With kind and gentle
con quered in the strife. A - wake, a - rise, go

length and breadth, Its full ness, depth and height.
u ni ty, Which is the bond of peace.
one Bap tism, One Fa ther of us all.
hearts for give As God in Christ for gave.
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

Tune: AZMON, CM; Carl G. Gillaer, 1784-1829
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