Mid-Day Prayer

Today's Readings:

Psalm 16:5-11 Acts 2:22-24, 32-33, 36

Hello and welcome to mid-day prayer. Let's begin with a moment of silence.

O God, make speed to save us.

A 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.

Psalm 16:5-11

- 5 Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.
- 6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.
- 7 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.
- 8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,
- 10 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful[b] one see decay.
- 11 You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: A as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A brief silence is kept.

The Lessons

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, "Here I am."

Isaiah 58:6-9a

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God, and such we are! For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; and what we will be has not yet been revealed, but we know that when he is revealed, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:1-2

A brief silence is kept after the readings. Please pause the service if you would like more time.

THE PRAYERS

- O Lord, have mercy
- A Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy
- A Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, hear our prayer

And let our cry come to you.

Silence is kept and free intercessions or petitions may be offered The Officiant concludes

O Let us bless the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

O The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14