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A Prayer For This Week

Almighty Father, the love you offer always exceeds the furthest expression of our human longing, for you are greater than the human heart. Direct each thought, each effort of our life, so that the limits of our faults and our weaknesses may not obscure the vision of your glory or keep us from the peace you have promised. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Australia Day Prayer

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ being light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Entrance Hymn

**Ye servants of God,
your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad
His wonderful Name;
The Name all victorious
of Jesus extol,
His kingdom is glorious
and rules over all.
God ruleth on high,
almighty to save,
And still He is nigh,
His presence we have;
The great congregation
His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation
to Jesus, our King.
“Salvation to God,
who sits on the throne!”
Let all cry aloud
and honour the Son;
The praises of Jesus
the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces
and worship the Lamb.
Then let us adore
and give Him His right,
All glory and power,
all wisdom and might;
All honour and blessing
with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing
and infinite love.**

**Next Sunday:
28th January 2018AD
ORDINARY SUNDAY 4
9.00 am Sung Mass
5.30 pm Mass**

FOLLOW ME



The Church begins the ordinary time of the year with a strong concentration upon discipleship. It does this because the Gospels all begin that way. It is a Gospel message that the Church must teach. The kingdom of God breaks into the world as Jesus begins his ministry: ‘The kingdom of God is close at hand: The first sign of the presence of this kingdom is Jesus’ association of others with him in his messianic task. Today’s Gospel tells of two vocations, and they are both told in the same way. Jesus is journeying, as he does throughout the Gospel. He is moving on towards a destiny marked out for him by his Father. As he journeys on, he takes the initiative in calling followers. Jesus sees and speaks. He asks them to follow, and he promises them: ‘I will make you into fishers of men: The disciples are about their everyday tasks as fishermen, but the summons of Jesus shatters all that. They leave all that their peer group would have seen as their signs of success: their nets, their boats, their hired servants and their father, to follow Jesus as he goes down his journey in response to the will of his Father. While last Sunday’s reading showed that the vocation of the first disciples was a mystery to them, the nature of the Christian response has been well described by today’s Gospel. As we celebrate Eucharist, we know where Jesus’ journey would lead him: to a broken body and spilt blood, given in love for his Father and for us.

Disciples are asked to follow him there. The story of the disciples in the Gospels, and the story of all disciples over the years who have read the Gospels show that we often falter. To be a follower of Jesus will cost us no less than everything.

Francis J. Maloney SDB

‘THE TIME HAS COME.’

These are the first recorded words of Jesus in Mark’s Gospel. In a variety of contexts we have probably used them ourselves when we felt that an important decision could be delayed no longer. At some point in our life, perhaps even today, the decision in question will be whether to follow Jesus wholeheartedly or in a superficial way.

The book of Jonah belongs to the collection of prophetic books. Written probably in the late fifth century BC, the type of literature and the theme of the book are hard to determine. It is generally seen as a fictional story offering a commentary on the possibility of repentance and the availability of God’s mercy to all. The first time Jonah was called by God to prophecy in Nineveh he refused and fled to sea. This time, after the trial of the storm at sea and the trial of the great fish, Jonah accepts the call and reluctantly preaches at Nineveh. The exaggerated size of the city and the brevity of Jonah’s message underline the great wonder of its conversion. Repentance is possible and God’s mercy is available to all.



Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say:

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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

We who are many are one body in Christ
For we all share in the one bread.

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: Grant us your Peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Final Hymn

**Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.
The task Thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will.
Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
And labour on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.
Give me to bear Thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to Thy glorious day.
For Thee delightfully employ
What e'er Thy bounteous grace hath given
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.**

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May the Father reveal his will to you.

May the Son accompany you every moment of your journey.

May the Holy Spirit keep your hearts alive with love.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Entrance: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Penitential Rite

We confess our sins and acknowledge our need for repentance.

Lord, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you call us to be faithful disciples.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

+ Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. *Glory to God...***

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. *Glory to God ...***

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God ... Amen.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

First Reading *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

Jonah is called to be a prophet. Despite his reluctance, he answers the Lord's call.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

Paul exhorts his readers not to become too absorbed by the world. We need to live in constant readiness to meet Christ.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to *S. Mark 1:14-20*

+ **Glory to you + Lord Jesus Christ +**

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus forms a group of disciples. They will be with him through all that is to come.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Assured of God's love we turn to him in prayer with confidence.

For the Church: may we always hear and respond to the voice of the Lord and be attentive to his word.

Lord, hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our world: where there is conflict and division, may the word of peace and reconciliation be heard.

Lord, hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the joy and privilege of living together in this nation. May our ordinary activities and duties manifest the values and virtues of Christian discipleship.

Lord, hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the sick and all those in need: may God's presence bring them comfort and hope, especially: **Moirra Oliver, Jamie Stow, John Russell, Anabelle Morrow, Colin Lee, Stephanie Bower, John & Norma McLeod, John & Frances Moules, Dianne Taylor, Sheila & Derek Cahoon, Peter Williams, Lani Fear, Jocelyn Caddies, Jack Ryan, Ruth Jones, Geoffrey Lowe, Linda Frost, Pam Platts, Geoff Borham, Brenda Daish, Alan Joass, Barbara Winter, David Choon, Joyce Searl, Tom Blunden, Robyn Roach, Fr Chris Butterworth,**

Lord, hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the faithful departed, that they may have rest and peace, especially those whose memorials adorn our church and all whose anniversary occurs: **John Randle, Dan Gray, Col Naylor, Steve Gartsky, Merle Swain, Patricia Peate,**

Lord, hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Now let us offer in silence our own needs and thanksgivings as we commend ourselves and all people to the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, S.Stephen and all the Saints.

Lord, hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, help us to be always open to your word. Enable us to respond to your call, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting of Peace

We are the Body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise. (Repeat)**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!**

**With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of Thy call,
As noiseless let Thy blessing fall
As fell Thy manna down.**

**Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain & stress
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.**

**Breathe thro' the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak thro' the earthquake, wind & fire
O still, small voice of calm.**



Prayer over the Gifts

Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Preface is sung, after which all sing
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory
Hosanna in the Highest.
Blest is he who comes
In the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.**

The Eucharistic prayer continues

The mystery of faith:

**Christ has Died: Christ is Risen:
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer concludes:

in songs of never ending praise:

**Blessing & honour & glory & power
are yours forever and ever. Amen.**

