

## Wednesday Morning Prayers

As used at St. Thomas' St. Catharines

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**All and also with you.**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**All** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

**The Venite** said responsively - Psalm 95.1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it, \*  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of  
his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm** We follow the weekday Eucharistic lectionary.

### **Gospel Canticle**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68–79*

**Gospel** St. Thomas' uses the weekday Eucharistic lectionary for this service.

## Sermon

### Prayers

Lord, help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, (silence is observed) ...grant us with them, a share in your eternal kingdom.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

### A Prayer of St Chrysostom

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications; and promises that when two or three are gathered together in your Name you will grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**All Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His son Christ Jesus our Lord. And the blessing of God almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and remain with you always.

*All* Amen

Let us bless the Lord

*All* Amen