

## Daily Prayer Form

### (15th Sunday after Pentecost - Year A)



The Liturgy Letter

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

### Invitation to Prayer

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.

To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

—Ephesians 6:18, NRSV

### Hymn - My Only Comfort (Heidelberg Q&A 1)

My only comfort, now, always,

in both my life and death,

is knowing I am not my own;

I belong to Jesus Christ.

My body and soul belong to him

in life, in death, always.

He is my faithful Savior, Friend;

Jesus Christ, my Lord and King.

He fully paid for all my sins  
with his own precious blood  
and through his death has set me free  
from Satan's tyranny.

Without my heavenly Father's will,  
not a single hair can fall.

In fact, all things must work for good,  
for my salvation.

Since I belong to him alone,  
Christ, through the Spirit gives  
assurance of eternal life, and so I live for him.

My only comfort, now, always,  
in both my life and death.

is knowing I am not my own; I belong to Jesus Christ.

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## Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

Open my lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.  
Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.  
- from Psalm 51

### *Silence*

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

-Romans 5:1-2a

May the risen Christ  
Forgive you and free you from your sins,  
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
And raise you to new life.  
Amen.

## Opening Psalms

### Psalm 114

1 When Israel came out of Egypt,  
Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary,  
Israel his dominion.

3 The sea looked and fled,  
the Jordan turned back;

4 the mountains leaped like rams,  
the hills like lambs.

5 Why was it, sea, that you fled?  
Why, Jordan, did you turn back?

6 Why, mountains, did you leap like rams,

you hills, like lambs?  
7 Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
8 who turned the rock into a pool,  
the hard rock into springs of water.

### **Psalm 103:1-13 (NIV)**

*Of David.*

1 Praise the Lord, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
2 Praise the Lord, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—  
3 who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,  
4 who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
5 who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
6 The Lord works righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.  
7 He made known his ways to Moses,  
his deeds to the people of Israel:  
8 The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
9 He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.  
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
12 as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.  
13 As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him...

## Gloria Patri

Glory 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.

## Scripture Readings

[Exodus 14:19-31](#)

[Genesis 50:15-21](#)

[Romans 14:1-12](#)

(All stand)

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

(A short silence after the reading of the Gospel)

## Profession of Faith (from Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord!

## The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sisters and brothers, our baptism calls us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world:

God of all creation, full of love and abounding in mercy;

**May the whole earth be filled with your glory.**

Lord, bless and guide all ministers of your church;

**Clothe them in righteousness and grant them wisdom.**

Direct the leaders of our government;

**That they may act in accordance with your kingdom.**

Enlarge our own hearts, O Lord,

**To love the things that you love**

May we proclaim your light

**In every place where there is darkness.**

May we proclaim your Holy Name

**In every aspect of our lives.**

We pray for those in sickness, grief, persecution,  
bondage, fear, or loneliness, and for all of our own needs;

**Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy**

*Intercessions (Spontaneous prayers - say "out loud" the names of those who come to mind that you would like to bring before God.)*

- o For the people of...(countries or regions)
- o For our sisters and brothers...(churches and spiritual leaders)
- o For friends, relatives, and neighbors...(any who are in need)
- o For the day and its tasks

To God be all honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we are bold to pray:

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*\*If praying with others, stand and hold hands*

## **A Prayer for Mission (from *The Book of Common Prayer*)**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## **Closing Hymn - All Creatures of Our God and King**

Let all things their creator bless,

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the spirit, three in One.

O praise Him, O praise Him.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!