

Daily Prayers for the week of *Rorate Coeli* – 12/20/2020

OPENING VERSICLES:

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia

PSALMODY: Psalm 19 and / or the psalms listed below

Sun: 24; 25, 110; Mon: 122; 40, 67; Tues: 33; 85, 91; Wed: 50; 14, 16;
Thurs: 19; 132, 114; Fri: 2; 98, 96; Sat: 116; 119:1-24 & 27

DECEMBER HYMN: 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Hymn: 357

CATECHISM:

What is the Fourth Petition? Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:19-28 ESV

¹⁹ And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who are you? ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, I am not the Christ. ²¹ And they asked him, What then? Are you Elijah? He said, I am not. Are you the Prophet? And he answered, No. ²² So they said to him, Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself? ²³ He said, I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵ They asked him, Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet? ²⁶ John answered them, I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie. ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

RESPONSE: O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God.**

CATECHESIS:

John the Baptist was very clear. He is not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet. John is the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord. After saying this, the Jews wanted to know why John was baptizing if he was not the Christ. This is because even the priests and levites understood that Baptism is the work of the Messiah. All Baptisms, regardless of the pastor, are done by Jesus

Christ. A man cannot save another man from Hell. Only Jesus Christ has this power. And when a pastor baptizes a child, it is really Jesus Christ who does the baptizing. Jesus baptizes the Christian into Jesus' own death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. So who are you? You are not the Christ, but you are a Christian. You bear the name of Christ. You have been washed in His Blood. You eat Jesus' Body, drink His Blood, hear His Word, pray His prayer, die His death and live His life. You are a precious child of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit because you are Baptized. Thanks be to God that there is a Christ, Jesus Christ our Lord. He is the Son of Mary, born in Bethlehem who died on the cross for your sins. And because of your Baptism, you belong to Jesus.

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

KYRIE: Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy;** Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER:

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 forever and ever.
Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE WEEK:

Stir up, O Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy power and come : and with great might succor us; that by the help of Thy grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished through Thy mercy and satisfaction; who liveth and reignest with the Father and Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:

(p. 327 in the hymnal or in Section 2 Daily Prayers in the Catechism)

BENEDICAMUS:

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Christmas Eve: Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20; Chief Hymn: 372

Christmas Day: Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38; Titus 3:4-7; John 1:1-18; Hymn: 382

1st S. after Christmas: Isa 11:1-5; Gal 4:1-7; Luke 2:33-40; Hymn: 389