

Daily Prayers for the week of Trinity XXVII – 11/21/2021

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 45 and / or the psalms listed below

Sun: 59; 57, 58; Mon: 60, 61; 62; Tues: 65; 63, 64;
Wed: 66; 67, 70; Thurs: 68; 69; Fri: 71; 72; Sat: 73; 74

NOVEMBER HYMN: 508 – The Day is Surely Drawing Near Hymn: 516

CATECHISM:

What is the First Petition? Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-13 ESV

¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

CATECHESIS:

The Christian life is a vigil in which we watch and pray for our Lord's promised return. The virgins all appear the same on the outside. But the foolish cast aside the Gospel of Jesus Christ and despise His precious gifts in the Holy Sacraments. Apart from these gifts of our Lord, the burning ember of faith cannot abide until the midnight cry that the Bridegroom is here. We cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord or come to Him. But Jesus sends the Holy Spirit who calls and gathers us through the waters of Holy Baptism and enlightens us by tending to our lamps. He sanctifies

and keeps us in the one true faith by filling our flasks with oil through the preaching of Christ's Holy Word and giving to us the precious Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. The wise were not wise by their own powers, merits or works, but by the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and His act of sending the Holy Spirit upon the Church to keep them in the one true faith. The credit does not belong with the wise, but with Jesus who cares and provides for all of their needs of body and soul.

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:

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offenses : that from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon us we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the 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.

Looking ahead to Ad Te Levavi (Advent I) – 11/28/2021:

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 21:1-9

Chief Hymn: 332 – Savior of the Nations, Come