

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father,
you call your children to walk in the light of Christ.
Free us from darkness
and keep us in the radiance of truth.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

BLESSING

Let us praise the Lord.
— And give him thanks.

SUNDAY MIDAFTERNOON PRAYER for ORDINARY TIME WEEK I



INTROIT

God, come to my assistance.
— Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory 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.

HYMN

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the things You love,
and do what You would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with You I have one will,
to live and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
my soul with grace refine,
until this earthly part of me,
glows with Your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
so I shall never die,
but live with You the perfect life
in Your eternity.

PSALMODY

Psalm 118:33-40: Song of Joy for Salvation

This Jesus is the stone which, rejected by you builders, has become the chief stone supporting all the rest (Acts 4:11)

Antiphon 1: *What better can we do than take refuge in the Lord! His love will never fail, alleluia.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love endures forever.

Let the sons of Israel say:
His love endures forever.

Let the sons of Aaron say:
His love endures forever.

Let those who fear the Lord say:
His love endures forever.

I called to the Lord in my distress;
he answered and freed me.
The Lord is at my side; I do not fear.
what can man do against me?
The Lord is at my side as my helper;
I shall look down on my foes.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

Glory 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.

Antiphon 1: *What better can we do than take refuge in the Lord! His love will never fail, alleluia.*

Antiphon 2: *The Lord is my strength, and I shall sing his praise, alleluia.*

The nations all encompassed me;
in the Lord's name I crushed them.
They compassed me, compassed me about;
in the Lord's name I crushed them.
They compassed me about like bees;
they blazed like a fire among thorns.
In the Lord's name I crushed them.

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he is my savior.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me.
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

Glory 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.

Antiphon 2: *The Lord is my strength, and I shall sing his praise, alleluia.*

Antiphon 3: *I shall proclaim your goodness Lord, for you have answered me, alleluia.*

Open to me the gates of holiness:
I will enter and give thanks.
This is the Lord's own gate
where the just may enter.
I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.

Go forward in procession with branches
even to the altar.
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love endures forever.

Glory 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.

Antiphon 3: *I shall proclaim your goodness Lord, for you have answered me, alleluia.*

READING

Galatians 6:9-10

Let us not grow weary of doing good; if we do not relax our efforts in due time we shall reap our harvest. While we have the opportunity, let us do good to all - but especially to those of the household of faith.

SACRED SILENCE

From the depths of my heart I cry to you, Lord,
— I shall always do your will.