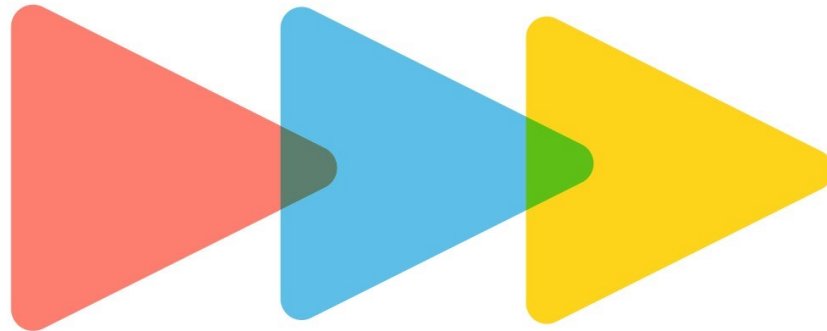


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MIDDAY PRAYERS:
WORD MADE FLESH



FORWARD
TOGETHER
with courage and hope

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019

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OPENING RESPONSE

Please rise.

Leader: The world belongs to the Lord,

Congregation: The earth and all its people.

L: How good and how lovely it is,

C: To live together in unity.

L: Love and faith come together,

C: Justice and peace join hands.

L: If the Lord's disciples keep silent,

C: These stones would shout aloud.

L: Lord, open our lips,

C: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

GATHERING HYMN *All Earth Is Hopeful*

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To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



yel sur - co - a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

- 2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:*
"De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"
será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,
con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.
- 3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;*
nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,
y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

- 4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,*
pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Holy God, Maker of all,

C: Have mercy on us.

L: Jesus Christ, Son of Mary,

C: Have mercy on us.

L: Holy Spirit, breath of life,

C: Have mercy on us.

L: Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: In the community of Christ's Church
and in the presence of all God's people,
I confess to God that I have sinned in thought, word and deed.
I have not loved God, cared for God's world,
or respected God's people as I should.
I own my responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

C: **May God forgive you,
Christ befriend you,
and the Spirit renew and change your life.**

L: Amen.

C: **In the community of Christ's Church
and in the presence of all God's people,
we confess to God that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved God, cared for God's world,
or respected God's people as we should.
We own our responsibility and pray for God's pardon.**

L: May God forgive you,
Christ befriend you,
and the Spirit renew and change your life.

C: **Amen.**

L: Turn again, O Lord, and give us life,

C: **That your people may rejoice in you.**

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: **And renew a right spirit within me.**

L: Give us again the joy of your help,

C: **With your Spirit of freedom sustain us.**

L: And now, as Jesus taught us, we pray,

C: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

L: Let us listen for the Word of the Lord.

C: Our ears are open.

Please be seated.

READING Acts 17:24-28

Reader: A reading from Acts.

²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL READING John 1:1-15

Gospeler: The holy gospel according to John.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")

G: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

BIBLICAL REFLECTION

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Please rise.

PRAYERS

L: Let us pray.

Eternal God, conceiver and shaper,
ruler and savior of the world,
we bless you that, awake and aware,
we are free to praise you.
Bound in the family of Christ
to worshippers in every land,
we worship you in our mother tongue
as others do in theirs,
glad to be part of your pattern and purpose.

C: Amen.

L: Liberate all who follow Christ
from narrowness of vision and limited discipleship.
Make your people keen to serve you
in the public worlds of business, politics, education, law, industry,
and wherever the welfare of humanity may be improved or threatened.
Thus may compassion and justice inform our national life and institutions
as keenly as they address our consciences.

C: Amen.

L: Throughout this day,
enliven our minds, inspire our conversation,
inform our decisions, and protect those we love.
And should today bring
what we neither anticipate nor desire,
increase our faith and decrease our pride
until we know that, when we face the unexpected,
we do not stand alone.

Hear these prayers
made in the presence
and in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Silence.

SENDING

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: We will not offer to God

C: **Offerings that cost us nothing.**

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **We will seek peace and pursue it.**

L: Glory be to God who made us,
and to Christ who saved us,
and to the Holy Spirit who keeps us in faith,

C: **As it was in the beginning,
is now, and shall be forever.**

Amen.



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