

Friday Afternoon Prayer – 21 June 2019

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All. *+In the name of the Father,*

And of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

L. Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. Light and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

C. Glory be to God

(A person comes forward with the mantle)

L. Living Lord, your cross, the basis of our unity is central in this mantle and we honour you in the Trinity of Father Son and Holy Spirit. May the Spirit flowing into the world transform us and equip us as true disciples of you. May we be a door for you in this world

(The mantle is unfolded. We place this mantle as a sign of our intentions and fidelity to you O Lord. We seek Christian Unity).

(A candle is brought forward and lit)

L Be our light in the darkness O Lord. Revive in us and in our communities the light of faith shining in our hearts: the knowledge of your glory, love and compassion in the face of Jesus Christ who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever.

C: Amen

A reading from Sacred Scripture

R. Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2: 2-13

2 My son, if you receive my words
and treasure up my commandments with you,
2 making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
3 yes, if you call out for insight
and raise your voice for understanding,
4 if you seek it like silver
and search for it as for hidden treasures,
5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD
and find the knowledge of God.

⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
⁷ he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,
⁸ guarding the paths of justice
and watching over the way of his saints.
⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;
¹⁰ for wisdom will come into your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
¹¹ discretion will watch over you,
understanding will guard you,
¹² delivering you from the way of evil,
from men of perverted speech,
¹³ who forsake the paths of uprightness
to walk in the ways of darkness.

L. The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

A period of **Silence** for reflection

L. Lord Jesus we want to follow you.

C. We love you, we praise your name

Intercessions.

L. Lord of Life

We thank you for the blessings you bestow on us

For our world of light and dark,

Of blue sky and green trees

Of gushing wind and cleansing rain

Of warm sunshine and icy hail

Everything you have gifted us with speaks of your diversity and goodness

We thank you for the safe arrival of those who are here and pray for those still to do so.

Loving and merciful God

C. Hear our Prayer

L. Lord of the Universe

We pray for those who live in war torn countries

And those whose situation prevents them from enjoying your world

May they know the compassion of others

That they may see you

May your presence be palpable to them

And may they feel your peace

Loving and merciful God

C. Hear our Prayer

L. Ever-living God

We pray for your guidance as we begin this Forum

May those participating be open to your guiding hand

Give us discernment and the spirit of unity as we seek to know your will

Loving and merciful God

C. Hear our Prayer

Closing Prayer

L. Loving and eternal God

Your Son showed us how to trust in you.

Strengthen our faith in you as we join together in this Forum.

May the presence of your Holy Spirit guide and protect us as we walk together in you.

In Jesus' name.

C. Amen



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