

Saturday Morning Prayer – 22 June 2019

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(Each table has a candle and as it is passed around the circle the flame is acknowledged with a symbolic action by sweeping the hands up over the candle and across the face)

+In the name of the Father

and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

L: You give us life, Living Lord!

C: We serve you in the flame of your love

L. O Lord, grant us to greet the coming day in peace.

Help us in all things to rely upon your holy will.

In every hour of the day reveal your will to us.

Bless our dealings with all who surround us.

Teach us to treat all that comes to us throughout the day with peace of soul,

and with firm conviction that your will governs all.

In all our deeds and words guide our thoughts and feelings.

In unforeseen events let us not forget that all are sent by you.

Teach us to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others.

Give us the strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring.

Direct our will, teach us to pray, pray you yourself in us. Amen.

(Prayer at the Beginning of the Day, Metropolitan Philaret of Moscow, 19th cent.)

R. Psalm 1

Psalm 1 (read responsively)

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**C: But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

**C: The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

L: Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**C: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A reading from Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him.⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them.⁵⁶ And they went on to another village.⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes

have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”⁶¹ Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.”⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

L. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection

Ian Smith, Executive Officer, Victorian Council of Churches

Prayers

L. Loving God we pray for justice in this world.

For the cessation of unjust methods of dealing with people

For fair treatment of those who suffer from inequality,

We pray for those who work for justice and human rights

May they be led by your Spirit

Give them your strength and humility to carry out your will.

C. God of mercy hear our Prayer

L. Loving, benevolent God we thank you for the gift of this day.

We thank you for being with us

This day is your gift to us

Help us to see the wonder of it and to know your presence in it.

C. God of mercy hear our prayer

Amen

Taize Chant:

The Kingdom of God is Justice and peace and Joy in the Holy Spirit. Come Lord and open in us, the gate of your kingdom



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