
Morning Prayer with the Great Litany

Inauguration Day
Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Christ Church Detroit

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
— *Micah 6:8*

OPENING PRAYERS

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant Let us pray.

God our wisdom, grant that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, and our government leaders being prudent and wise, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Reader

Why do you stand so far off, O LORD, *
and hide yourself in time of trouble?
The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor, *
but they are trapped in the schemes they have devised.
The wicked boast of their heart's desire; *
the covetous curse and revile the Lord.
The wicked are so proud that they care not for God; *
their only thought is, "God does not matter."
Their ways are devious at all times;
your judgments are far above, out of their sight; *
they defy all their enemies.
They say in their heart, 'I shall not be shaken; *
no harm shall happen to me ever.'
Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression; *
under their tongue are mischief and wrong.
They lurk in ambush in public squares
and in secret places they murder the innocent; *
they spy out the helpless.
They lie in wait like a lion in a covert; they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; *
they seize the lowly and drag them away in their net.
The innocent are broken and humbled before them; *
the helpless fall before their power.
They say in their heart, 'God has forgotten; *
and hides his face; and will never notice.'
Rise up, O Lord; lift up your hand, O God; *
do not forget the afflicted.
Break the power of the wicked and evil; *
search out their wickedness until you find no more.
The Lord is King for ever and ever; *
the ungodly shall perish from God's land.
The Lord will hear the desire of the humble; *
you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear.
To give justice to the orphan and the oppressed, *
so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

All

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

CANTICLE G

Ezekiel 36:24-28
Enriching Our Worship

Reader A Song of Ezekiel.

I will take you from among the nations; *
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you; *
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you *
and a new spirit put within you.

I will take the stone heart from your chest *
and give you a heart of flesh.

I will help you walk in my laws *
and cherish my commandments and do them.

You shall be my people, *
and I will be your God.

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

THE GREAT LITANY

Enriching Our Worship, abridged and adapted

Officiant Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
People **Have mercy on us and deliver us.**

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, One God,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

From envy, hatred, and malice, and from all evil intent,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness, and love of money,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

From hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

From the impulse to unrighteous anger, hatred, and revenge,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

From surrender to chaos, terror, and disorder,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

From threats and dangers to our government and nation,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

From sins of body and mind, and from deceits of the world, flesh, and the devil,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by your sending of
the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

Strengthen those who stand, comfort and help the fainthearted, raise up the
fallen, and deliver us from all evil,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

That we may support our elected officials, and that our new President and Vice
President may in safety promote justice for all,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

That we may have true repentance and forgive as we are forgiven, by the grace
of your Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

That the many afflicted by COVID-19, those sick, those shut-in, those giving
care, and the frightened and cast down may find help and strength,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

That the beloved dead be honored and remembered in peace,
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.
Have mercy on us and deliver us.

Officiant

O God our Governor, we commend our nation to your merciful care, that,
guided by your providence, we all may dwell secure in your peace. Lend your
wisdom to our President and those in authority to speak and do what is right
and good, to preserve the well-being of our society. Guide our President Joe and
Vice President Kamala in office, and keep them and their families in safety.

Turn the hearts of those inclined to violence, toward a tranquil resolution of conflict. Advance the calm transition of government, we pray. Keep those charged with maintaining order and safety, and give them temperate and clear minds. Calm the frightened, we pray, and watch over the Capitol city and all our cities this day and the days to come. We pray in Jesus' name.

All **Amen.**

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Officiant Let us pray.

All **Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Other Intercessions are offered and silence is kept.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name, you will be in the midst of them.

All **Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come
life everlasting. Amen.**

The Officiant may offer a blessing.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. — *Romans 15:13*

Amen.

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