

March 27th 2020 – Fourth week of Lent

This day's dedication

Let this day be full of your beauty and brightness: **Lord. Hear us**

That we may know your presence and your peace. **Lord: Hear us**

That we may experience your grace and your glory: **Lord, Hear us**

That we might be aware of you in all things and above all things: **Lord. Hear us**

From 'The Glory of Light' collection of prayers by David Adam.

1 Corinthians 12 verses 27 – 31

²⁷All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. ²⁸In the church God has put all in place: in the first place apostles, in the second place prophets, and in the third place teachers; then those who perform miracles, followed by those who are given the power to heal or to help others or to direct them or to speak in strange tongues. ²⁹They are not all apostles or prophets or teachers. Not everyone has the power to work miracles ³⁰or to heal diseases or to speak in strange tongues or to explain what is said. ³¹Set your hearts, then, on the more important gifts. Best of all, however, is the following way.

Singing the Faith 25

God is here! As we your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit;
Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the Gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!

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Psalm 25: A Prayer for Guidance and Protection

¹To you, O LORD, I offer my prayer;

²in you, my God, I trust. Save me from the shame of defeat;
don't let my enemies gloat over me!

³Defeat does not come to those who trust in you,
but to those who are quick to rebel against you.

⁴Teach me your ways, O LORD; make them known to me.

⁵Teach me to live according to your truth, for you are my God,
who saves me. I always trust in you.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your kindness and constant love
which you have shown from long ago.

⁷Forgive the sins and errors of my youth.
In your constant love and goodness, remember me, LORD!

Prayer for today

Lord our God, from whom great promises are given for all humankind and especially for your people, we gather in your presence.

We rejoice before you, for your promise is sure and your works will be revealed to the glory of your name.

Grant us steadfast faith in the grace of Jesus Christ.

Grant us faith to hold firm, and in spite of all evil to trust that you are ruling and will set everything right.

Lord our God, our Father, we cry to you. As the deer pants for refreshing water, so in our time our souls cry out to you,

“Our Father in heaven, may your name be honoured. May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as in heaven.” Amen.

From 'The Plough' website

The Lord's Prayer

A Blessing

Deep peace of the Running Wave to you.

Deep peace of the Flowing Air to you.

Deep peace of the Quiet Earth to you.

Deep peace of the Shining Stars to you.

Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you. A Celtic benediction.