

June 13th 2020

Prayer

God of compassion, we can hardly describe the grief and pain we feel, our minds are full of confusion and distress, our joys seem pointless and our smiles are strained.

We don't even really know how to pray or what to pray for, and yet..... we know you.

Be our comfort and our strength, our reminder of loved filled times and a light in our darkened days. Amen

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Lectionary Reading Revelation 4: 1-11

At this point I had another vision and saw an open door in heaven.

And the voice that sounded like a trumpet, which I had heard speaking to me before, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this." ² At once the Spirit took control of me. There in heaven was a throne with someone sitting on it. ³ His face gleamed like such precious stones as jasper and carnelian, and all around the throne there was a rainbow the colour of an emerald. ⁴ In a circle around the throne were twenty-four other thrones, on which were seated twenty-four elders dressed in white and wearing crowns of gold. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder. In front of the throne seven lighted torches were burning, which are the seven spirits of God. ⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

Surrounding the throne on each of its sides, were four living creatures covered with eyes in front and behind. ⁷ The first one looked like a lion; the second looked like a bull; the third had a face like a human face; and the fourth looked like an eagle in flight. ⁸ Each one of the four living creatures had six wings, and they were covered with eyes, inside and out. Day and night they never stop singing:

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, who is, and who is to come."

⁹ The four living creatures sing songs of glory and honor and thanks to the one who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever. When they do so, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before the one who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives forever and ever. They throw their crowns down in front of the throne and say,

¹¹ "Our Lord and God! You are worthy
to receive glory, honor, and power.

For you created all things,
and by your will they were given existence and life."

Good News Translation (GNT)

Hymn 13 StF

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| 1 Sing of a God in majestic divinity,
seeding the heavens with numberless stars,
forming our dust and our dreams of infinity,
God of our lives and the judge of our wars. | 3 Sing of a Spirit who daily addressing us,
lives in our sciences, nature, and arts ;
moving through all of creation and blessing us,
guiding our minds and engaging our hearts. |
| 2 Sing of a Child who was cradled so tenderly,
sing of a boyhood by Galilee's lake ;
sing of a cross and a Saviour who wondrously
suffered and died for humanity's sake. | 4 Sing of this God who in glory and mystery
chooses to lie in humanity's womb,
enters the prison and pain of our history,
rises triumphant and opens the tomb. |

Thomas Herbert O'Driscoll (b. 1928)

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his Temple!

Praise his strength in heaven!

² Praise him for the mighty things he has done.

Praise his supreme greatness.

³ Praise him with trumpets.

Praise him with harps and lyres.

⁴ Praise him with drums and dancing.

Praise him with harps and flutes.

⁵ Praise him with cymbals.

Praise him with loud cymbals.

⁶ Praise the Lord, all living creatures!

Praise the Lord!

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Prayer of the Day

Preferring nothing but you, O Christ, let us hold fast to your love, embrace your Cross and honour your name. Let conviction mark our speech, courage our life and patience our faith; for your own name's sake. Amen.

Cyprian of Carthage (c.200-258)