

June 21st 2020

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, may we feel your presence in all we do today, to be calm when we feel anxious, to be strong when we feel weak, to be gracious when tempted to respond inappropriately and when the day is done may we feel at peace your presence.

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**Lectionary Reading**

Matthew 10:24-39

<sup>24</sup> “No pupil is greater than his teacher; no slave is greater than his master. <sup>25</sup> So a pupil should be satisfied to become like his teacher, and a slave like his master. If the head of the family is called Beelzebul, the members of the family will be called even worse names!

Whom to Fear

<sup>26</sup> “So do not be afraid of people. Whatever is now covered up will be uncovered, and every secret will be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I am telling you in the dark you must repeat in broad daylight, and what you have heard in private you must announce from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather be afraid of God, who can destroy both body and soul in hell. <sup>29</sup> For only a penny you can buy two sparrows, yet not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Father's consent. <sup>30</sup> As for you, even the hairs of your head have all been counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are worth much more than many sparrows!

Confessing and Rejecting Christ

<sup>32</sup> “Those who declare publicly that they belong to me, I will do the same for them before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But those who reject me publicly, I will reject before my Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the world. No, I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> I came to set sons against their fathers, daughters against their mothers, daughters-in-law against their mothers-in-law; <sup>36</sup> your worst enemies will be the members of your own family.

<sup>37</sup> “Those who love their father or mother more than me are not fit to be my disciples; those who love their son or daughter more than me are not fit to be my disciples. <sup>38</sup> Those who do not take up their cross and follow in my steps are not fit to be my disciples. <sup>39</sup> Those who try to gain their own life will lose it; but those who lose their life for my sake will gain it.

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**Hymn 535 StF**

1 God, when I came into this life  
you called me by my name ;  
today I come, commit myself,  
responding to your claim.

2 You give me freedom to believe ;  
today I make my choice  
and to the worship of the Church  
I add my learning voice.

3 Within the circle of the faith,  
as member of your cast,  
I take my place with all the saints  
of future, present, past.

4 In all the tensions of my life,  
between my faith and doubt,  
let your great Spirit give me hope,  
sustain me, lead me out.

5 So, help me in my unbelief  
and let my life be true :  
feet firmly planted on the earth,  
my sights set high on you.

Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

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## Psalm 69:7-18

- <sup>7</sup> It is for your sake that I have been insulted  
and that I am covered with shame.
- <sup>8</sup> I am like a stranger to my relatives,  
like a foreigner to my family.
- <sup>9</sup> My devotion to your Temple burns in me like a fire;  
the insults which are hurled at you fall on me.
- <sup>10</sup> I humble myself[a] by fasting,  
and people insult me;
- <sup>11</sup> I dress myself in clothes of mourning,  
and they laugh at me.
- <sup>12</sup> They talk about me in the streets,  
and drunkards make up songs about me.
- <sup>13</sup> But as for me, I will pray to you, Lord;  
answer me, God, at a time you choose.  
Answer me because of your great love,  
because you keep your promise to save.
- <sup>14</sup> Save me from sinking in the mud;  
keep me safe from my enemies,  
safe from the deep water.
- <sup>15</sup> Don't let the flood come over me;  
don't let me drown in the depths  
or sink into the grave.
- <sup>16</sup> Answer me, Lord, in the goodness of your constant love;  
in your great compassion turn to me!
- <sup>17</sup> Don't hide yourself from your servant;  
I am in great trouble—answer me now!
- <sup>18</sup> Come to me and save me;  
rescue me from my enemies.

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### Prayer of the Day

O Holy Spirit, breath of all creatures, purifier of all souls and healer of all wounds; be fire to our heart, light to our path and friend for our journey. Amen.

*Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)*