

June 29th 2020

Prayer

Dear God, renew in me each day, the deep sense of love, peace and joy that I first knew when I gave my life to you. May I live each day guided by your hand, knowing that you will strengthen me to act in your name, in all I seek to do, as I respond to the calling of your gospel. May I never be afraid to speak out in your name, as you lead me each day towards everlasting life. Amen.

Lectionary Reading

Matthew 16:13-19

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

¹³ Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ "Some say John the Baptist," they answered. "Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet."

¹⁵ "What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ "Good for you, Simon son of John!" answered Jesus. "For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

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Hymn 322 StF

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| 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear !
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear. | my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring. |
| 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast ;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest. | 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought ;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought. |
| 3 Dear name — the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace ! | 6 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath ;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death. |
| 4 Jesus ! My Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King, | |

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Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which can never be shaken, never be moved.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
now and forever.

³The wicked will not always rule over the land of the righteous;

if they did, the righteous themselves might do evil.

⁴ Lord, do good to those who are good,
to those who obey your commands.

⁵ But when you punish the wicked,
punish also those who abandon your ways.

Peace be with Israel!

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Prayer of the Day

Create in us, O Lord, a heart forever resigned to your will, a life always mindful of your presence and a devotion eternally dedicated to your glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)