

This Day: 4th June

Opening Prayer

Father God as we begin to see the effects on growing things around us of the lack of life-giving rain, we recognise the effects of not meeting together to worship You in the company of Jesus could beginning to show themselves.

Father God today's reading comes at a good moment containing as it does Jesus' promise to all come to him thirsty the gift of life-giving water.

May each of us be so refreshed by the reality of his promise that we are made be canals for that life enhancing water to pour out from us into the lives those God has placed us among. Amen

Reading: John Chapter 7 verses 37 - 39

Rivers of Living Water

37 On the last and most important day of the festival Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice, "Whoever is thirsty should come to me, and 38 whoever believes in me should drink. As the scripture says, 'Streams of life-giving water will pour out from his side.'" 39 Jesus said this about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were going to receive. At that time the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not been raised to glory.

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| 1 Let every Christian pray,
this day, and every day,
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Was not the Church we love
commissioned from above?
Come, Holy Spirit, come! | 3 Always the Spirit strove
to teach her how to love:
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Age after age, anew,
she proved the gospel true:
come, Holy Spirit, come! |
| 2 The Spirit brought to birth
the Church of Christ on earth
to seek and save the lost:
God never has withdrawn
since that tremendous dawn,
those gifts of Pentecost. | 4 Only the Spirit's power
can fit us for this hour:
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Instruct, inspire, unite;
and make us see the light:
come, Holy Spirit, come! |

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Psalm 146

Put Not Your Trust in Princes

- 1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, my soul!
- 2 I will praise him as long as I live; I will sing to my God all my life.
- 3 Don't put your trust in human leaders; no human being can save you.
- 4 When they die, they return to the dust; on that day all their plans come to an end.
- 5 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob to help them and who depend on the LORD their God,
- 6 the Creator of heaven, earth, and sea, and all that is in them. He always keeps his promises;
- 7 he judges in favour of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free
- 8 and gives sight to the blind. He lifts those who have fallen; he loves his righteous people.
- 9 He protects the strangers who live in our land; he helps widows and orphans, but takes the wicked to their ruin.
- 10 The LORD is king forever. Your God, O Zion, will reign for all time. Praise the LORD!

Closing Prayer

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day.

Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unending strength to bear it.

Be at peace, then. Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: "The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him."

St. Francis de Sales.



