

# Noonday Prayer for Wednesday of Holy Week

**March 31, 2021**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Psalm 70**

1

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O God, make haste to help me.

2

Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.

3

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me  
turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.

4

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
"Great is the Holy One!"

5

But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.

6

You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O God, do not tarry.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

One or more of the following is read.

### **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

People      Thanks be to God

### **Hebrews 12:1-3**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame,

and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

People      Thanks be to God

### **John 13:21-32**

At supper with his friends, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples-- the one whom Jesus loved-- was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

People      Thanks be to God

The Officiant then begins the Prayers

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in  
heaven.

Give us this day our daily  
bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into  
temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily  
bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of  
trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People And let our cry come to you.

Officiant Let us pray.

*Collect of the Day*

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to  
be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to

accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident  
of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your  
Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross,  
stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of  
the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender  
mercies' sake. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to  
direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all  
our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us  
into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please add your own intercessions and thanksgivings.

The service concludes as follows

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

